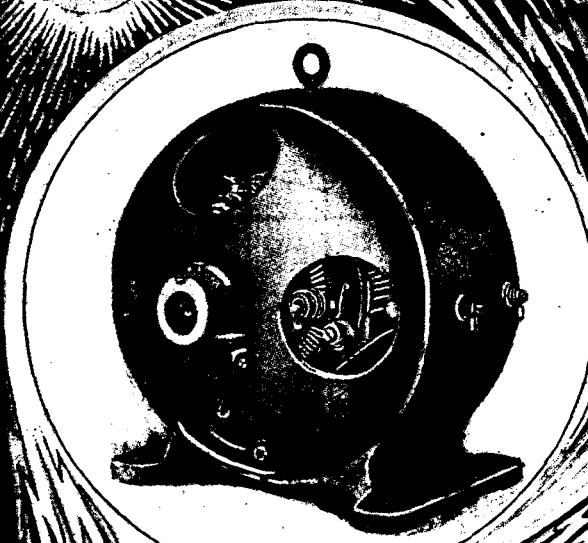


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LOOKING BACKWARD.

In our everyday talk about electric dynamos and motors, how many of your readers can tell in what year an electric motor was shown by which power enough was given to propel a car in which one or more persons could ride?

In 1847 Moses G. Farmer gave an illustrated lecture on electricity. One of his illustrations was a track, about sixteen inches wide around the hall, upon which he showed a small car, about two feet long, eighteen inches wide and one foot high, on which was mounted a motor, the armature of which was connected to one axle of the car, by bevel gear. This motor car was coupled to another, somewhat larger, having two seats facing each other, on which Mr. Farmer put four children and let them ride around the room. The current to supply motor was supplied by batteries.

This, of course, created a great deal of talk, especially in regard to the great danger such cars and apparatus would be to the children and citizens if it should be allowed upon our streets—such a scaring of our horses and of our oldest inhabitants, who would be made sick by such innovations. They having no support from any such ideas in their past life it would, of course, have no ancestors to refer to.

Most people who think or refer to electric motors and dynamos do not go back very far for their birth—seldom going back of 1869 or 1870—whereas any one who might be interested in the search would find the Henry reciprocating electric engine brought out and exhibited in 1831, run by battery current. Then, in 1839, the Taylor electric

motor and the Jacobs motor were introduced. While the Henry electric engine was of a reciprocating type and of very small power, those of 1839 were very similar to those now in use. All of them would run, but far as the writer's knowledge goes the one mentioned above, exhibited by Mr. Farmer, was the first one to show power enough to be used in any way like propelling a car.

These motors and other electrical appliances, like all other mechanical appliances and machinery, were somewhat ahead of the demand, being hampered in one way by the expense of generating the current.

It was not until the time of Edison, Thomson and others that current was produced in quantity enough, and at a cost within reach, commercially, that electricity began to be a factor in the world's progress, and then it met all sorts of objections from all classes of people. These objections were gradually washed away and electrical machinery began to be used. At first it was all for light, and when, in the 80's, we began to hear about motors being used to drive machinery, it was very hard work to get any one interested. To most people it did not seem possible to get any power from the two wires leading to the motor, and whenever a motor was installed great numbers went to see it, and went away wondering how long it would last. But it had come to stay, and now many great waterfalls have been looked upon by reason of great power going to waste. Ness and are now sent out over the wires to drive the many wheels which have helped to build up the country now upon the earth.

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THE CAUSE OF HARD TIMES.

There is an over-production of cotton,
 An over-production of corn;
 Too much of everything is grown,
 Too many people born;
 A surplus yield of wheat and bread,
 Of potatoes, oats and rye,
 Hog and hominy, ham and eggs,
 And home-made pumpkin pie.
 Too much to eat, too much to wear,
 And cattle on too many hills;
 Too many agricultural tools,
 Too many plows and drills.
 There's a surplus now of clothing,
 Of every grade and kind,
 Too many books and papers,
 Too much of thought and mind.
 Too many men to do the work,
 Too many women to weep;
 More daylight than people need,
 Too much night for sleep.
 If benedicts a surplus,
 An over-supply of wives;
 Too many buds and blossoms,
 More bees than there are hives.
 More sunshine and more shadow
 Than is needed for the dell;
 An over-production of gravestones,
 More coffins than we can sell;
 An over-production of ignorance,
 A sight too many schools;
 Too many poor, too many rich,
 And lots too many fools.

—Ex.

LOOKING FORWARD.

"In days of prosperity
 Prepare for days of adversity."

Present conditions will not endure for all time, consequently it behooves the wage earner to be prudent and practice economy, so that when temporary stagnation besets the business world he will have a little store of money to tide him over. The producer, being an optimist, hence he fails to see the full meaning of dollars come and go, and so idly employed money is lost, for the millions paid to circulate, and, more good business and good

On the other hand, the money changer is ever on the lookout for opportunities to invest his holdings, so that in a comparatively short time he will have two dollars where he had one, and all this without producing one penny's worth.

So long as men of wealth proceed within the limits of the law none can say them nay, and if they always kept within legal limits none would protest against their actions, but at this day and date the old cry of the "survival of the fittest" greets one on every hand, and were all men to proceed strictly along the lines of that slogan the entire human race would ere long be reduced to a state of absolute savagery.

Labor unions are for making conditions that will, in a great measure, eliminate selfishness and create a brotherhood supporting one another in sickness, health and old age.

Capital, on the other hand, is continually clashing, ever scheming to overcome rivals, forcing them to the wall—bankruptcy—thus making the survivor and stronger the master of the situation, to control the field and lay tribute upon the consumer, compelling all the people to contribute to the extortionate victor, or starve, freeze, and go naked.

This may seem like a strong statement, but when one stops to reflect upon the actions, during the past year, of the beef trust, the coal-oil trust and the coal trust, and other trusts, all thinking and reasoning people must be forced to the conclusion that the increased prices are not right—not legitimate—because no valid cause can be given for the enormously increased prices.

The present agitation in the Congress of the United States against the rapacious trusts may not result in immediate remedial legislation, but the agitation will go on, and on, until the oppressor's heel is removed from the necks of a long-suffering people.

This land of our fathers' was not made free in one year; it took years of agitation, and finally the marshaling of the patriotic hosts to do battle for their country, but the yoke of a cruel monarch was shaken off.

Chattel slavery was not brushed aside by the passage of a resolution or the enactment of a law by the Congress of the United States, but it required the sacrifice of thousands of lives to do away with it.

lives of thousands of God's noblest creation to erase that great blot from the escutcheon of this fair land.

Now, is it reasonable to suppose that the oppression on the part of trusts is to be wiped out during one session of the law-making power of this country? Not much! Especially since one of the barons has declared himself in a partnership with God Almighty. Let the modern Belshazzar, while he yet has time, read the handwriting on the wall, "The voice of the people is the voice of God," or the day of reckoning may overtake him and his kind, finding them unprepared and without an ark to navigate the troubrous seas.

Optimistic, yes; optimistic is the view of the great mass of the producers of this land of plenty, that a peaceful solution will be evolved to settle this great and vexed problem that now confronts the people.

JOHN B. DICKMAN.

RESULTANT EVILS IN INCORPORATION OF TRADES UNIONS.

BY HON. C. S. DARROW OF CHICAGO,
Chief Counsel for the United Mine Workers Before
the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission.

The demand for the incorporation of trades unions is the last trench of those who oppose organized labor. It is impudent and presumptuous. No friend of trade unionism ever believed in it or advocated it or called for it. It is demanded to-day by those interests and those enemies who have used every means at their command to oppose trades unionism, to destroy it and to counteract its influence.

Before this demand was made the enemies of trades unionism sought to break up the unions in every manner that employers could conceive. They have resorted to the courts, to public opinion, to slander and vilification. Trades unionism has made its way in the world against every weapon that the employing class could use. It has gained its present position against every effort of the capitalists and of their servants, whether in editorial rooms or among the paid attorneys of capitalists.

They have learned now that trades unions cannot be destroyed directly, and use this

demand for incorporation for the purpose of destroying them indirectly. The demand that trades unions should be incorporated is based upon the assumption that they should be made legally responsible for contracts. It is made by a class of men who have persistently refused to contract with them or to have anything to do with them, except to oppose and vilify them.

When the public reaches the stage of consenting to their existence then it should also recognize the right to manage their own affairs for themselves. The enemies of trade unionism have no right—in decency—to prescribe rules and conditions for trades unions to accept. If workingmen have the right to organize, it is for them and their friends to provide the methods for their organization and for their work.

The great combinations of capital that have taken the form of corporate existence have done this primarily to escape personal responsibility and reliability. When profits were to be divided, they went to the stockholders. When liabilities were incurred, they were those of the corporation, and the stockholders escaped responsibility. The great corporations hire their lawyers by the year. They, of course, deal only in high-priced lawyers, who are trained in all the subtleties of the law. Their salaries are paid regardless of the amount of service they contribute to their employers. It costs the corporation nothing to be constantly in court. There is not a single labor organization that could keep out of the hands of the court for one year of its existence if it ever consented to become incorporated.

All sorts of suits would be brought against labor unions. The result would be that these labor organizations would be compelled to employ high-priced lawyers. They would be mulcted in expenses. A judgment rendered against a corporation and remaining unpaid would call for the appointment of a receiver on a petition in bankruptcy.

There would not be one labor organization which the employers wished to destroy that could keep out of the hands of a receiver for a year.

No sooner would suits be instituted in the various State and Federal courts than ap-

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plications would be made for receiverships, and these receiverships, according to the usages of the courts, would be appointed by the parties interested in the collection of judgments and redress decreed by the courts, and the result would be that the labor organizations would be controlled and owned by the employers, and for their own benefit.

In this way the employers and combinations of capital would easily accomplish what they have all along sought to do: that is, they would control their own business and the business of organized labor, too.

The demands of capitalists for the incorporation of labor unions would exactly parallel the demand of a body of atheists to fix the rules governing the Christian church or for the Democratic party to dictate the policy of the Republican party.

How the labor organizations shall manage their own affairs is not the business of the corporations or the employers. This new demand for the incorporation of labor unions is not only unjust and unreasonable, but it is impudent and insulting to the last degree.

ST. PETER AND THE SCAB.

St. Peter stood guard at the golden gate,
With solemn mien and air sedate,
When up at the top of the golden stair
A shrouded figure, ascended there,
Applied for admission. He came and stood
Before St. Peter, so great and good,
In hope the City of Peace to win,
And asked St. Peter to let him in.

"O thou who guardest the gate," said he,
"I have come hither, beseeching thee:
To let me enter the Heavenly Land,
And play a harp in the angel band.
Of me, St. Peter, there is no doubt,
There's nothing from Heaven to bar me out.
I've been to meeting three times a week,
And almost always I'd rise and speak.

"I've told the sinners about the day
When they'd repent of their evil way.
I've told my neighbors—I've told them all—
I've talked to them loud, I've talked to them
long,
For my lungs are good and my voice is
strong.
I've marked their path of duty clear,
and laid out the plan of their whole career.

"So, good St. Peter, you'll clearly see
That the gate of Heaven is open to me.
Here's the company's letter of recommend,
Which I hope you'll read before you send
For the angel guide to the throne of grace--
It might gain for me a higher place.
You'll find I was always content to live
On whatever the company agreed to give.

"And I ought to get a large reward
For never owning a union card.
I've never grumbled, I've never struck,
I've never mixed with union truck;
But I must be going, my way to win,
So open, St. Peter, and let me in."
St. Peter sat and stroked his staff—
Despite his high office, he had to laugh.

Said he, with a fiery gleam in his eye,
"Who is tending this gate, sir, you or I?
I've heard of you and your gift of gab;
You are what is known on earth as a scab."
Thereupon he rose in his stature tall
And pressed a button upon the wall,
And said to the imp who answered the bell,
"Escort this fellow around to Hell.

"Tell Satan to give him a seat alone,
On a red-hot griddle up near the throne.
But stay, e'en the Devil can't stand the
smell
Of a cooking scab on a griddle in Hell.
It would cause a revolt, a strike, I know,
If I sent you down to the imps below.
Go back to your masters on earth and tell
That they don't even want a scab in Hell."

D. T. RADER.

Beaumont, Texas.

KICKER vs. KNOCKER.

The kicker and the knocker are people that every organization have, but there is a vast difference between the two. One by kicking sets things going, while the other by knocking tries, and often succeeds, in stopping everything that has been set in motion for the benefit of all. The kicker is the man who attends every meeting of his organization and is always calling attention to something that ought to be done, and is usually ready and willing to put his energies to the test and help to accomplish that something. He is not the man that always has a steady job, and when laid off sees the wrong done, and tries to remedy it by kicking and calls other peoples' atten-

tion to it. And he very often gets there, is reinstated and the employer has just a little more respect for him than the other fellow who will submit.

The knocker is the man that as a usual thing has a pretty good job, works all the time he can, very seldom attends the meetings of organization, don't think things are run properly, makes adverse comments on the report of every committee (he could do the work better), but will never serve on a committee that is compelled to interview the bosses. He pays his dues under protest, suffers small infractions of the rules of his union, don't believe in being too aggressive (because he might lose his job), plods along on the goodness produced by others and accumulates a whole lot of things but the respect of his fellowmen, and finally dies and gets his benefits that he never worked for.

As between the two, give us the kicker every time. He is the man that will get out and hustle to make any movement for the benefit of his fellowman a success, and he don't ask any odds from anybody. He will always give his share to help a worthy brother out of work or who has sickness in his family, while the knocker will give a thousand excuses rather than give up a dime. Don't be a knocker.

MISERY IN LONDON.

A. St. John Adcock's Touching Poem on "The March of the Unemployed."

In London the great army of the unemployed is marching through the streets of the wealthy to show, by contrast, the awful difference between the lives of those whom Dame Fortune has provided with all they could wish, and those, who willing and anxious to work hard for a scant livelihood, cannot find employment that will provide food for their suffering wives and children. How they hate to beg! And yet they must, if body and soul is to be held together.

No one has succeeded in picturing this dreadful misery of the many more graphically than A. St. John Adcock, who published the following poem, under the heading "The March of the Unemployed," in the London Daily News:

Penniless, nothing to do,
Empty cupboard and fireless grate,
Wives and kiddies a-hungering, too—
Still for work should we idly wait,
Or march through the city, and, maching
through
Beg for charity most of us hate?

Trudge, trudge, trudge!
It were better to toil and drudge
Than go maching thus through the rain and
sludge,
Helpless under a curse so fell,
Yet without music, and broken and bowed,
We marched through the West and its hap-
pier crowd,
March by the doors of the rich and the
proud,
Haunting their heaven like ghosts from
hell.

Marching, a haggard brigade,
Marching slow with a weary tread—
It's harder than work and poorer paid,
And your alms can buy us but bitter
bread.
Do we look like shirkers cadging for aid?
Then give us not money, but work in-
stead.

Tramp, tramp, tramp!
Too glum for a mob on the ramp,
And if idler, wastrel, trickster, or scamp
Plods in our gloomy ranks at ease,
Nor cares whence the scraps comes, so's that
he dines,
His ways are not ours though he walks in
our lines,
And who's for condemning the eights and
nines,
For the sins of the twos and threes?

God! how the heart of a man
Shirks with shame and is sick and sore;
But hunger blights like a wintry ban,
Pinched home-faces that smiled before,
And it shames our manhood, this beggar's
plan,
Yet to do nothing would shame us more.

March, march, march!
Rain may drench us, or dust may parch,
From Limehouse way to the Marble Arch
We march with feet that blister and burn;
With peelers to shepherd our famishing
flocks,

We march from the slums and the wharves
and the docks,
To rattle a dirty collection box.
And beg for the pence we would rather
earn.

WILL YOU DO YOUR DUTY?

"I decline," is a phrase that is often heard from a member who is nominated for an office in the union, or appointed upon a committee. "You decline what?" Do you know what you are doing when you pipe out: "I decline?" Do you decline serving on some committee that is part of the machinery, decline to help your union in the capacity of an executive or administrative officer? Decline to perform any duty allotted to you by the president? You do! Then why? Do you not know that there is not another member that can do as well or better than you, provided you do your duty? Look at your constitution, look up the points belonging to your duty in the position you have been elected to, and is it not your duty to do whatever you are appointed to do by your president?

Every member has his part to perform.

Your part, then, as the true brother you profess to be, is to do your share of union work. Come now, candidly, haven't you been resting on your oars long enough?

Just because some of the others are doing the work and seem to like it, is it any reason why you should allow or make them do your part or share of the work, too? If you go to work you will enjoy it as heartily as they. If you can not get a chance to help pull the oar of progress, then go behind and give a long, strong and steady push, and ere long you will have the consciousness of having helped it on to victory.

When your president announces "Good of the union," be prepared to do something; do not sit with your hands folded, feet crossed and your mouth closed during the entire meeting; do you expect to be perpetually fed, for it is no one's special duty to see to it that you are well entertained, when you will not even attempt to do anything. If you will go to your union meetings and be prepared to take some part that will interest others, you will become interested yourself, and will not consider your union meetings dull.

Under such circumstances they could not possibly be dull, or prosy to you. Do not be an iceberg in your union, for you will have most of the ice for your own share. Will you do your duty? Resolve then that you will never ask to be excused or decline to act well your part, unless you have good reasons for declining.—Exchange.

Letters from Our Local Correspondents.

Local Union No. —.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, March 2, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

After working for years in a disbanded, dislocated and spavined manner the inside wiremen of Salt Lake City have awakened to the fact that we can, will and did organize a local of our own on February 25, 1903.

The boys responded nobly to the call of Brother Curry, and all are in line, enthusiastic and ready. Of course there are always one or two in any local who can not stand prosperity, but having had a fire recently, and a spare brick wall to drop on them occasionally, expect soon to have them among us on the firing line. We have the material that composes good locals. We expect to work toward a high standard, with our motto, expert and automatic.

Heretofore the contractors have been employing everybody, from a green card man (away up) to mongrel, blear-eyed, green-livered coyotes, with scabs hanging from them like scales from a polluted dog salmon in August without our sanction and without our protest. I do not censure the contractors at all. They have uttered no protest whatever against our organizing, but have laughed a great deal at our lack of stamina. They even said that the inside wiremen of Salt Lake City did not have nerve enough to chase a jack rabbit over an oyster bed. They were correct about it in the last strike, for it was no more than on before some of the members were seized with some very complicated maladies—wandering minds, sedentary mania, bots, moths and lockjaw. A few had that terrible dis-

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ease called locomotor ataxia, the victim having no control over his nervous system or pedalextremities, thus the victim goes staggering around any old place and any old time. It required the aid of the entire medical corps to keep them from staggering back to work. But they were saved by a hypo of Doc Reading's invigorator, which made them feel like the following and look like thirty cents: From the view point of the progress of society the scab is an injury. He lacks every element which goes to make a hero. His whole attitude is that of a sneak and camp follower, of the man who robs the dead on the battle field, or attends a fire for the sake of the pickings. He contributes no element, either of personal honor, public spirit, or good workmanship, and adds nothing to the forces which make for the social betterment of anybody. There is every reason why honest, industrious laborers should despise the scab and refuse to associate with him. It is an ethical impulse to ostracise him. As I said, the good members saved them, and there are none among us. We feel as staunch as the good ship that landed the pilgrim fathers upon the solid rock.

Brother C. J. Reading is in Denver for the good of the I. B. E. W. He will transfer to our local on his return.

Brother B. B. Flock, who is in Park City for a short period, visited No. 57 Saturday evening, and also transferred to the new local.

Come, on boys! That is the stuff our new local is made of—unadulterated and straight grained.

Brother Fred Shallert stopped over Sunday with us while on his way to San Francisco.

Brother Editor, can't you dig up a few electrical subjects for the Worker? I have looked all through the book of Mormon and can't find a ding gasted one.

Hope our charter will be here by March 11, as we are focused to move on that night.

Fraternally yours,

EWING.

Local Union No. 1.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 5, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

The month has again rolled around, and nothing new at the World's Fair. The

brothers that are there now have to wade in the mud, as well as climb to great heights. The work seems to progress very slowly. No one seems at all anxious as to the time in which to have their work completed. Work in the city is improving, but very slowly.

Our meetings are very well attended, and it is a pleasure to note the sensible ideas expressed by the majority of the brothers. Any subject brought up will have due consideration, and the eloquence of some would be a credit to legislative halls of nations.

It is a painful duty to report the death of one of the old war horses in line of work—Brother John Manley (old man John), who died the night of the third instant of Bright's disease, and was buried the fifth. No. 1 was represented by a committee of four, and a number of the brothers. The ceremony was very impressive, and went to show how the union will cement a friendly feeling that will remain even after death.

If Ed. Hauran is in the land of the living Brother Paul Schlingmann would like to have a letter from him.

Brother Harry Parks, president of our local, met with an accident, whereby he mashed the great toe on his right foot. From the way he used the gravel at the last meeting we suppose it must have been painful, but not serious.

Brother Frank Kingsley is still doing work at the world's fair grounds and signing the pay roll. If anyone can do it with any more style than he we would like to meet them.

No. 1 has moved their reading room, and has a very neat place now; plenty of light, and separated from the rest of the trades, at the same old number, 1028 Franklin avenue.

The Building Trades Council have also taken quarters in the same building, and are putting in very fine offices.

Our executive board are strictly up to snuff, and are doing much good work.

The helpers organization are doing a rushing business, but will do nothing until they consult our board. The boys are a fine lot and a credit to the craft. Their officers are always on hand, and when on a job are very careful that all concerned have cards, and deserve the recognition of electrical journeymen.

If the same harmony existed in the I. B. E. W. as in old No. 1, we could carry any point within reason. Build up harmony, and our cause will be easy sailing.

Brother Frank Lockman is a prominent figure here at the present. He is just as handsome as ever, even if his hair is turning gray.

Brother Akers has been acting as assistant press secretary, but owing to dearth in news, has tendered his resignation and gone to work.

With kindly greeting to all brothers of I. B. E. W. from Local Union No. 1, I remain,
Yours fraternally,

BALDY.

Local Union No. 2.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., February 28, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Line work is about normal. Line work at the world's fair does not amount to much. Everything will be under ground, and still worse, some will be wireless.

Local No. 2 pulled off four men who were working for the World's Fair Company because they refused to pay \$4 per day for eight hours, which is our scale for World's Fair Company's work. As I understand two of these men are doing labor work, one left left the city, and one is looking for a job,

Brother Price Evans has just completed a line for the Kinloch Long Distance Telephone Company of Missouri, from St. Louis to Terre Haute, Ind. He took his men to St. Charles, Mo., to build a line for the same company from St. Louis, Mo., to Kansas City, Mo.

Local No. 2 voted unanimously at its last meeting to hold our next convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

We have in this city five electric light companies, namely, Missouri, Edison, Laclede Gas and Electric Company, Laclede Power Company, Union Electric Light and Power Company, and Carondolet Electric Company, who are all paying \$3 per day, eight hours, except the Carondolet Electric Company, which pays \$4 per day, eight hours, when linemen are needed. Four telephone companies—Bell Telephone Company of Missouri, paying \$3 per day, eight hours; American Tel. and Tel. Company, paying \$50 per month, ten hours; Kinloch

Tel. Company, \$2.75 per day, eight hours; Kinloch Long Distance Tel. Company of Missouri, \$45 per month, ten hours; Postal Tel. Company, \$2.75 per day, eight hours; Western Union Tel. Company, \$60 per month, ten hours in the city; St. Louis Transit Company, \$2.75 per day, ten hours; St. Louis and Suburban Railway Company pays the same. This company lost sixty-five cars and its car sheds by fire on the twenty-fourth instant. The St. Louis fire and police alarm pays \$3 per day, eight hours. The foremen of the electric light companies, Bell Tel. Company and fire and police alarm receive \$3.50 per day. Trouble shooters for the same companies receive \$3.25 per day, eight hours. Kinloch Tel. Company pay foreman \$3.25 per day; straw bosses \$3 per day, eight hours; trouble shooters, \$65 per month. The Union Electric Light Company, the two Kinloch Tel. Companies and the Suburban Railway Company are composed of the same stockholders.

We had a severe sleet storm here on Sunday, February 15. It did considerable damage to pole lines in and around St. Louis, but it is all repaired now.

Local No. 2 received the following traveling cards in the month of February: Card No. 3,715, Wm. H. Jackson, from Local No. 50, of Belleville, Ill.; card No. (no number), R. C. Kingcade, from Local No. 18, of Kansas City, Mo.; card No. 26,791, A. G. Zachritz, from Local No. 193, of Springfield, Ill.; card No. 657, Wm. Cearey, from Local No. 309, of East St. Louis, Ill.

Brother Tom Dwyer met with a painful accident while working on an extension ladder. The ladder slipped in under him, and he fell, fracturing both legs and breaking his right wrist; also cut under the chin by a hand axe he carried in his belt.

A contract was let to the Westlake Construction Company for a twelve-story, four hundred room hotel, to be built under the supervision of the ways and means committee of the world's fair, at a cost of \$1,200,000, on the west side of Twelfth street, from Locust to St. Charles streets. Work will be began March 1, and continued day and night until completed.

All the union labor organizations affiliated with the Building Trades Council have

agreed to do everything in their power to aid in the construction of the hotel. At a meeting of representatives of all the building trades in the city they appointed a committee, who waited upon the board of directors, presenting a written agreement, promising that in consideration of their being recognized they would do everything in their power to bring the building to speedy completion.

A \$4,000,000 electric road, to run through one hundred and ninety-four miles in Missouri, is the project which was chartered February 9 at Jefferson City, under the name of the Missouri Central Railroad. Ultimately it is expected to connect St. Louis and Kansas City with the line. Permanent surveys have been made of the road from Brookfield through Keytesville, Glasgow, Fayette, Columbia, Fulton, Mineola Springs, New Florence and Troy to Cuiver Springs, which, on an air line, is about thirty-two miles from St. Louis. As the bird flies Glasgow is about the nearest terminal to Kansas City the distance being about one hundred miles. Colonel W. H. Chase, of New York, is the general manager of the company.

The King Electric Company was granted a forty-five year franchise by the County Court of St. Louis County February 9 to erect poles and string wires in St. Louis County. This company's headquarters are at Ferguson, Mo.

The County Court of Moberly, Mo., granted February 10 to Mr. J. D. Houseman, of St. Charles, Mo., the right of way for an electric road from Moberly to Huntsville, a distance of seven miles. This gentleman built and owns the St. Louis, St. Charles and Western electric road.

It is reported that John W. Gates will construct an electric freight road, to cost \$70,000,000, from Superior to New Orleans, with St. Louis the center.

The St. Louis and Eastern Electric Railroad Company was incorporated February 24, at Springfield, Ill. The object is to construct an electric railroad from East St. Louis, Ill., to St. Elmo, Ill., to parallel the Vandalia railroad. The capital stock is \$50,000, but it will be increased later. A second company will be incorporated for the construction of the road from St. Elmo to

Terre Haute, Ind. The work of construction will be commenced at once. Johnson Brothers of St. Elmo, Ill., will have charge of the construction work.

Fraternally yours,

AL. UNOR,
Press Secretary pro tem.

Local Union No. 7.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., March 1, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Local No. 7 has been rather a silent member of the literary club heretofore, but we expect to be heard from once in a while now. Being new at the business I am rather green as yet, but hope to live and learn.

Business here is pretty good, and all the brothers have been pretty well employed all winter, with fair prospects of a good, lively spring and summer.

We have been having some rather lively meetings lately in regard to the fixture men here, some of the firms here not being union. Indications now point to a successful issue, which will help some.

The building Trades Council held a smoke talk the other night. Some of the brothers attended and reported a good time.

Brothers, each and every one should get all workmen into the union, not forgetting the helpers, as soon as eligible, so as to early instill into them union principles, that they can better be able to carry on the good work that has been begun by those who have gone before them. Every brother should make a special effort in this respect.

I think this will do for once, and will try to do better next time. Anyway, I have a little janitor work to do, and if I don't stop the meeting tomorrow night will have an untidy floor.

Fraternally yours,

A. D. SHAW,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 12.

PUEBLO, COLO., March 1, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

As press secretary of Local No. 12, it is my duty to report as to our condition and the outlook for the future of our craft in this part of the country.

Local No. 12 is at present in prosperous circumstances, having gained more in our

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trouble with the Pueblo Suburban, Traction and Lighting Company than we expected, with the assurance of an increase of 50 cents per day for inside men, to take effect on April 1, and with all our brothers working and good prospects for plenty of work in the near future for more men than we have, we feel that we have a great deal to rejoice over.

At our last regular meeting a motion was made and carried to instruct the press secretary to write up one of our brothers, who worked here steady for some four or five months and left for Salt Lake without paying his local board bill.

I feel different in the matter than a majority of our members. I don't think the local ought to be used as a collection agency, but my instructions are explicit, so here goes: Brother J. G. W., late member of Local No. 12, now of Salt Lake, will take notice that if he wishes to retain the respect of the members of this local he must immediately proceed to liquidate certain just debts contracted in Pueblo, and for which I understand some of the brothers have agreed to stand good.

Mr. Editor, I am sorry my last letter was received too late. After this I will write the first of each month, and you can publish all of my letters, a part of them or none, as you think best.

Wishing you and all brothers the best of success, I am

Yours fraternally,

C. E. EMERY,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 18.

KANSAS CITY, Mo, February 26, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

This will be my second letter and, on the square, boys, I have begun to like to write to the Worker, but am sorry to tell you this will be my last letter from No. 18 for a while, as I am about to leave town. I do hope I will be gone, at least, as long as Brothers C. C. Jones and Harry Moslin, who left Tuesday night for Frisco; went to Topeka, Kans., and returned Wednesday. Of course, "sickness" was the cause of their return.

Brother W. K. Lamm is "doing time"

in the county jail, and Brother H. Burnett is on the outside carrying the key; so Brother Lamm will act wisely if he treats Brother Burnett with all the courtesy possible.

Brother W. E. Skinner, of No. 18, formerly of No. 55, requests me to ask if No. 55's press secretary is asleep, or only napping?

We initiated a new member last meeting. Brother A. Bickel is the victim's name.

Brother Harry Martin requests me to ask about Brother Dinlette, of Saratoga, N. Y., and to state that he (Brother Martin) is working in Kansas City.

We are getting along as smoothly as possible. There is not much doing in the line of work, but we are all living. Brother Jack Todhunter says "business is mighty good," but don't designate the line of business.

I want to say a word about a man who joined the Brotherhood last summer in Kansas City. Later he left Kansas City and took Brother Slusher's overcoat as he went. He was heard from in Fort Scott, Kans., where he borrowed what he could and left there for Wichita, Kans., where he got sick and depended on the boys there for aid. They communicated with No. 18 at once and, of course, that put the ex-brother on the "hum-mur," so look out for him.

Would like to say "howdy" to No. 40 and Brothers Mandeville, Rush, Hubbard, Jones and R. Courtright.

I don't know anything new in Kansas City, so will close.

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. McCALLUM,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 24.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Feb. 26, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

There is not much doing nor any particular way of doing it in this neck of the woods just at present. Of course, we are always still-hunting for raw material, as our goat is famous for his skill in "finishing off" the recruits that we find exercising good judgment in proving their readiness to help themselves and their fellow-workman by joining hands, and, let us hope, their hearts, with the I. B. E. W. for better or worse. I sincerely hope we fully realize that it is our fault if it can possibly be worse. It must and will be better, and we must work

together in harmony, and as one man, both at our meetings and at the ballot box, to ensure the accomplishment of the purposes and aims of labor organizations, viz: a more just share of the value of our labor, better working conditions, and a larger and broader understanding of our social, economic and political status as related to the human race from every point of view, scientific, ethical or religious.

Abraham Lincoln once said that he thought "God had a great work for the common people to do, else he would not have made so many," and he was glad he was one of them. He also saw the present system of monopoly that is fighting organized labor by every means possible, even to electing legislatures with the votes of the very labor organizations whom they shoot down like dogs, when they choose to incite strikes after refusing to arbitrate questions involving life itself sometimes, in a land whose boast is its freedom and liberty. When will men get their brains renovated of these old cobwebs that stuck to their grandfathers and great-grandfathers and are consequently considered good enough?

I tell you, men, there is nothing good enough when you can have better, when you realize that you are entitled to it, and can have it, by going about it intelligently for yourselves, by choosing representatives from your own class, whose interests are the same as yours. If you want a thing done right do it yourself applies as urgently right here as anywhere. If you were a farmer and raised wheat would you like to give eight bushels of every ten you raised to the man who owned the land because the government (of the people?) gave it to him? Well, the proposition is the same in regard to your labor.

The labor commissioner's report for the last year showed that labor produced on an average of over \$10 for every man, woman and child. Think of it, then wonder who got the most of it. Why isn't this a government of the people? Who is back of the government? Who supports it? and who is the government (yours and my representatives) supporting? The people are not millionaires. How many members of labor unions own railroad shares or control the price of flour, meat, coal, or any of the

necessities of life, or ever hope to? Don't study socialism unless you want to get an idea as to how you might get a chance to be a man with some voice in these affairs instead of a slave to your boss and your bread and butter. Wake up! Do your own thinking! Don't be led around on the end of a chain all your lives.

Local No. 24 is thinking seriously of trying for a nine hour day this spring, and there should be no trouble about getting it at all, boys, if you all remember your obligations, as men, and especially as union men. Stick together, act like gentlemen, and use every honorable means to accomplish what you are after.

Brother Benolkin was accidentally killed by a Great Northern train near Larimore recently while in charge of a division there temporarily, being run down on his speeder.

Hoping that the I. B. E. W. has only begun the work that it may accomplish, and wishing one and all every success, I am fraternally and cordially

A. H. SELLAR,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 31.

DULUTH, MINN., March 2, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Owing to being out of town a good deal this last month, I will be unable to give any news regarding our local that will be of very much interest to all concerned; therefore I hope you will excuse this poor effort of mine.

During my travels in the range towns last month I ran across our Brother N. A. Addiss at Eveleth, Minn. He is running a crew of linemen on the ranges for the Bell people, and seems to be the same old happy "Add" as ever. He greets all the boys with his best wishes, but wants me to remind "Hib" to send him a receipt once in a while for his dues.

Hello, Brother John B., of 302; your letter in December Worker is all right. I am with you on the stand you take regarding "cut out the letters and give us articles on practical electrical subjects."

Hello, sisters 23 and 24; I wonder if you two are going after anything in the way of more wages this spring. If so, please let us know by letter or otherwise, and I think

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we can go you 50 cents better. This is just a dig ; throw it back at us if you can.

Now I am going to preach again to our own boys.

A boy goes out to fly his new kite. This kite he considers as the most precious and valuable property which he possesses. Why? Because he has taken particular pains in making same, and his good workmanship is soon shown, when it is seen to rise far above the kites of his comrades. Does he after he has got it well up in the air give it to some other boy to hold? Not much, he would not trust him with it. Does he tie it to a fence and go off and play marbles and let the kite take care of itself? No, he is watching that kite with the string in his hand, pulling in or letting out slack as will best suit the flying of the kite.

Now, brothers, this union is nothing but a good example of the boy and the kite. If you don't yourself keep a hold on the string it is very liable to come down. This union of ours is the most prosperous union in town to-day. We have got our kite to almost the highest possible point, and now it is the duty of every member to have hold of the string and see that it is kept there.

Three years ago to-day the electrical firms would tell us that they insisted upon this and upon that, but to-day they say, "We agree to your scale ; what is it?" How many hours per day would you be working and how much pay would you receive for same if this local was not in Duluth?

Ask yourself that question. Well, boys, we are sailing high to-day, and now let us all try and keep our union there. But how? you might ask. By making it our duty to attend all meetings and do our share of the work that is necessary to have our local in the best possible condition. Don't shirk committee work. Study the labor question ; read how other trades conduct strikes ; profit by experience, and if once fooled don't be fooled again. In other words, do the best you know how for the betterment of the local ; practice what you preach, and then there will never be any danger of the kite or our local ever dropping any lower.

Fraternally yours,

EMIL NELSON,
Press Secretary

Local Union No. 35.

MASSILLON, OHIO, March 4, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

It has always been an easy matter to watch effect, but not so easy to discover the cause. It is not so difficult to see the adverse condition of the laborer, or to recognize the great advantage of capital.

Capital and labor are at antipodes. The multi-millionaire, in all his luxury and power, as well as the laborer, with his pick and shovel, are linked together in one great universal brotherhood of humanity. It is true that the difference in intellect is to be considered, but there is a cause for this. A universal law has been broken. A law that was, is and always will be, and as long as it is broken, social chaos will continue. This law is love—love begets equity ; equity equalizes conditions. The law that governs business to-day seems to be based upon the following evils : Selfishness, deception, avarice, greed, tyranny, or might against right.

Organized labor was for the purpose of protection. If true social conditions existed there would be no organized labor or capital ; organized capital is the cause of organized labor. Let us go back to the cause of the social condition, back to the primitive man, when the races were divided into tribes ; wild beasts roamed the forests and the tribes were constantly at war with each other. It was not safe for man to till the soil, without protection, so that while part of them were busy in the field the others became warriors and protected the toilers. Here was where the trouble started ; instead of an equal division of the product of toil the chiefs and warriors got the lion's share, while the weak were handicapped in the beginning. There was where the first political ring started ; the chiefs became kings and monarchs, while the warriors became office holders.

The men in power always used their power, not to help the weak, but to gain more power. It was so when Cain slew his brother Abel—the weak and just were destroyed, while the powerful and the murderer became the father of nations. It was so when Jacob was forced to serve seven years for his wife, and in return got the cross-eyed, hair-lipped sister, and then had

to serve seven more years for his chosen wife, but he got back on his father-in-law when he scared his cattle and caused the calves to become speckled, streaked and stripped; that must have been the beginning of the beef trust. It was so when the Israelites were forced down into Egypt by famine and became slaves to the Egyptians. But a man who could persuade a Jew to work in a brickyard deserves some credit. It was so at the time of Nero, when men and women were crucified and fed to wild beasts to satisfy the craving tyrant; a tyrant that made all his subjects slaves and then burned them up. It was so when Spain was the center of the tyrannical center of the populated earth; when men true and brave, at the risk of their lives, started on an almost hopeless voyage to discover a new continent, where they could have freedom of thought and be free from tyranny. It was so when a handful of brave men of New England defied the power of England and drafted the Constitution of the United States. It was so when the Boston tea party, dressed like Indians, threw the unfair tea into the Atlantic Ocean. If union men were as loyal to union principles as our ancestors our work would be more effective. It was so when the Spaniards introduced slavery into this country, which, eventually, caused the beautiful Ohio River to become the bloody boundary line between the North and South. It was so when Czolgosz, under the pretense of friendly greeting, with a cowardly hand, shot down our noble McKinley.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. P. SMITH,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 38.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, March 2, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

To the brothers who never "show up" on meeting night: We are having fine meetings, well attended by the faithful. We are discussing a way whereby we can advance your interests in the social world. Although you are not present we take the same interest in you and would die fighting to win for you the objects which you most desire. If you do not attend meetings you are making no effort to elevate yourself;

you are reaping the benefits of the endeavor of your fellow workmen. Compare your condition with the workingman of fifty years ago and then ask yourself the question: "What has unionism done for me and my family?" Let us look into the future and ask ourselves: "What other benefits can I receive from organized labor?" The answer to this question can be found in Galatians, 6 chapter, 7 verse: "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." No truer words than these were ever written. If you sow your seed judiciously in the fertile field of unionism you shall indeed reap a rich and bounteous harvest, which will bring you peace and prosperity.

Let me ask you if you are in the front rank of this struggle? If you attend meetings you are. I want to impress upon you the great importance and necessity of attending meetings. The very existence of your union and all that you hold sacred around your home life depends to a certain extent upon the mass meetings of your local. If you do not attend the meetings of your local the union will gradually disband, and during the dull seasons we would find men working under the old system of wages and hours, attended with all the evils from which our brothers have emancipated themselves after a long and fierce struggle, which was accomplished by human sacrifices and suffering, almost beyond imagination.

We desire to congratulate Brother Clark on his recovery from his late sickness, and hope we may soon say the same of Brother McDonald, our treasurer, who is ill with the typhoid fever.

Brother Thos. Moore attended the convention of the United Mine Workers, at Indianapolis. Brother Moore gave us the synopsis of the discussion that took place at this convention on the "incorporation of unions."

We are holding athletic tournaments every meeting night at our hall. So far they consist of wrestling matches. Brother Fidelius has up to the present time defeated all comers.

We are making preparations to receive the delegates to the State convention, which is to be held in this city on March 24 and 25. We expect great results from this asso-

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ciation, and every brother is requested to make suggestions and give us his aid in this undertaking.

This time last year more than half our members were loafing, but at the present time we do not know of anyone who is idle, and that is saying a good deal for this time of the year.

HARRY S. COYLE,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 53.

HARRISBURG, PA., February 25, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We are bobbing up most serenely. Last Tuesday evening we took in five new fixers, and last night four more, so you can see that old 53 has awakened up once more. They are coming so fast we have to meet every week instead of every two weeks, to accommodate the new recruits, and we have no thought of giving up till we get all the fixers in this sections with us.

There is not much doing here now, but when spring opens up I expect to see lots of work. The new Paxtang Electric Light Company will be building then, and the United Tel. and Tel. Company have about four miles of cable to hang and considerable wire to string.

Hello, Jim Danner, where are you now? If you see this write to me; and Jere O'Shea, (Uncle Dudley), if you can't write, let me know, and I will let you down easy.

We voted unanimously against changing the convention from Salt Lake City to Indianapolis. We do not think that No. 10 is showing the right spirit in coming out at such a late date and making a kick to change the meeting place of the next convention, since No. 57 has obligated herself for the amount of over \$1,000. It certainly would show a great reflection on No. 57 should No. 10 succeed in getting the convention.

I guess I must pull the switch and give some one else a chance to get a word in.

C. S. EBERSOLE,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 59.

ST. LOUIS, MO., March 3, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

As I was elected press secretary I will try and short circuit a few lines to the Worker.

We hope you do not think that 59 has gone to sleep by not having heard from us this year. The fact of the matter is Brother Simons was elected to this office, but he has been so busy charging batteries at Tyler Station that he could not possibly write. He has also been experimenting with iron filings while our worthy Brother M. A. Walsh has been working on a patent boiler exploder. Of course you all know we have an eight hour rule, as well as a wage scale, but the manager of the Kinloch Tel. Co. here does not seem to be able to get it into his great and noble head that such a thing exists, or rather does not seem to be inclined to do so. We supposed that all trouble with that coffee mill telephone company had been settled, but it is about where we started the monthly scale, so the inspectors there now have no cards, but think that in the course of twenty-five or fifty years they will see the mistake they have made and will be in line of march or ready to get in line long before Labor Day parade. Let us hope so at any rate. We still have our worthy brother, Wm. D. McSorley, in the president's chair of 59, and hope we may retain him at any rate for a few months more. I will say that while telephone work is quite good here now with the B. T. Co., I would not advise any one to come here just now looking for work, unless they like to do the looking and no work, for there are plenty here now to fill the bill. Hoping I have not taken up too much of your time and space, I will hang up.

Yours fraternally,
CHAS. D. WELCH,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 63.

WARREN, PA., March 1, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Time is at hand to send in our little budget of news, and as I am a new hand at the business I hardly think my effort will win me a place in the hall of fame, but here goes anyway.

Warren has been enjoying quite a little prosperity in our line until the last month. It looks as though things were going to slack up considerably, but the beginning of summer may find things different.

We were honored by a short visit of a few

of the brothers of 106 during the month. They were on the heavy end of a couple pairs of toll lines for the Union Tel. Co. Jamestown and Warren are now connected. This will give the Home Co. in Jamestown an outlet to Ohio and Northern Pa. I will bring this to a close as space in our paper is too valuable to be used for anything but real live news, so wishing success to all, I am

Yours fraternally,

C. D.
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 69.

DALLAS, TEX., March 3, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

No. 69 is still living and doing business in a business-like way—holding meetings every week, with a good attendance. I am glad to say that most of the members take a great interest in the meetings, and that makes it encouraging. That is the only way to do business. I am very sorry to hear that 194 has been having trouble, and wish them success, and that they may all be at work before this letter is published. We were visited recently by Brothers Stormy Furgison and Kid Gillet, who told us about the Shreveport trouble. That was the first we had heard about it. I will state that work here is about the same, but there will be plenty to do before long, and anyone heading this way I would advise them to come prepared with the necessary documents, for all the new work that starts in and around here will be strictly card jobs. Here's to Brother C. C. Mahan. How do you like Los. Angles? We would all like to hear from you. I see our friend, Geo. Cole, very often roaming the streets of Cairo. He seems to like 66 pretty well. Wishing success to all, I am

Fraternally yours,

GEO. W. REEVES,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 84.

ATLANTA, GA., March 1, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We have some of the unfair men around us, and I think we had a piece of very fine advice in February Worker as to the unfair

men. They will be some advantage to us I should think, and if we come to business right we shall do better by ourselves and others, too. Why can't the boys in the South get the wages and the hours that the Northern and Western countries get? They not only do the same work, but they do more of it—longer hours and less pay. It is not altogether the fault of the company, but we who do the work must go for it and see what can be done, or we must take some measures and see what we can do. Birmingham will have some of this for a while, but if all the foremen were like ours there would be nothing but the best of union men at work. When you ask him for work he asks you for your card, and that means—no card, no work. So we all join very heartily in thanks for having such a man to work for.

Well, Bill Schultz, I received your letter and lost your address, and wrote to you in care of the Los Angeles, but have not received an answer; so send me your address and I will take better care of it.

We have a cable splicer here from Los Angeles—Brother George Hart. He came in the same day I received your letter.

Well, as it is late, and bed time, I will pull the switch and cut out the old grounded circuit.

Wishing all the greatest of success, I remain

Fraternally yours,
C. J. STROUD,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 94.

KEWANEE, ILL., March 1, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

I will try to be on time this trip and do the best I can.

We had our meeting last night and most all of the boys were out, only a few that could not come, as we have some that are out of town and they could not be with us. We are almost all in, only a few with the C. U. Tel. Company, and we expect to get them soon. Have taken in an application which will make a good light some day, as he is union from top to bottom, and his name is O. Hunt, and he runs a crane at the Western Tube Company's works, under our worthy brother, William Finley, who is crane inspector.

We have two brothers here from the local

at La Salle, but have not met them at the meeting yet. Come out, boys; we won't hurt you; glad to have you with us.

Things are on the quiet here just now, but will open up in the spring. The C. U. Tel. Company is going to rebuild and the street car company is going ahead with their work, and I think that we will have an independent telephone company here. The city is to enlarge their power plant. I guess there will be something doing here then and all of the boys will be taken care of.

Will stop before I get crossed up with another line and avoid further trouble.

Fraternally yours,

O. L. P.,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 102.

PATERSON, N. J., March 5, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

I think I have remained silent long enough to have given you all a chance to have your letters published. I therefore will beg our editor for a little space in this month's Worker, so you may know we are still on deck.

We have all the work we can handle at present, but regret we can not extend traveling brothers an invitation here with promises of plenty of work.

Our big sister, Local No. 3, of New York, caused us some inconvenience in the latter part of month just past by sending men here and they refusing to deposit traveling cards with us. We had but one alternative—that being to stop them. This we did, causing a friction which will undoubtedly hurt for some time to come.

From what we are able to learn, it seems that at the time our sister passed a twenty-five mile jurisdiction, Paterson had no geographical importance on New Jersey's map. The fact is this city only came into importance some months ago when the city of Newark discovered we polluted the Passaic River to such an extent that that city had to have a trunk sewer bill passed to stop it. We were, however, known to some brothers of No. 3 previous to this, because memory takes me back to the time of our strike in 1902, when No. 3 allowed us to work within her jurisdiction in Jersey City and Hoboken. Memory also recalls that we returned this

courtesy two-fold, and from our narrow viewpoint we think her late action "not proper."

We feel as though we but maintained the right our charter grants us in the action we took, and regret that our big neighbor shows such improper conduct in this matter.

We have another issue at hand, this being a contractors' association, composed of the city's three leading contractors, which promises to make things interesting for us before our 1903 agreement is signed. In the earlier days of this local's career we found it prudent to accept all applicants for membership, consequently some two or three of the brothers are contractors, and these we are having a hitch over with the association. We can not force these brothers out nor ask them to resign, as they have very forcibly made known their intentions to the contrary when this subject was broached to them. While no official notification has been received from the association, interviews with some of the members are to the effect that they will not entertain our agreement until these members have been disposed of.

Thinking I have already written the limit for the month's issue, I beg to remain,

Fraternally yours,

E. A. BENEDETTI,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 103.

BOSTON, MASS., March 3, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Business is still dull. A New York concern, the M. B. Foster Electrical Company, has received the contract to wire three of the new sky scrapers, one of which will be an eighteen-month job. The work will be strictly union.

Brothers Henry Thayer and Wm. Thomas have been elected to fill vacancies in our board of trustees.

Brother W. J. Joyce, our president, met with a serious accident last week. He was working in the Quincy market, when his ladder slipped on the greasy floor, dropping him onto a meat hook, which ripped his arm open, from above the elbow to the wrist, making a wound that required eighteen stitches. Brother Joyce will be laid up for a long time, but according to present indications will have the use of his arm if no

complication set in. He has been particularly unfortunate lately in having sickness almost continuously in his family for the past year, and this, coming as a climax, gives him the sympathy of the entire community of Boston, where he is well and favorably known.

The name of our business agent is Everett T. Mallory. I, for one, believe the name of the business agent should be published in the directory, for inasmuch as the electrical worker is a migratory cuss, the first man that he naturally wants to see in striking a new town is the business agent, and how much better for all concerned if he could dig his directory out and find the business agent at once, for we want to keep a line on all the floaters.

I wish to call the attention of all the brothers to the letter from Local No. 180, in the February Worker, as it covers a subject that is worthy of serious consideration.

W. E. POOLE,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 114.

TORONTO, CANADA, March 2, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

It is a difficult matter to find anything to write about, but do not want to be behind the times. Things are getting along pretty well; we have affiliated with District Trade's Council, and it is very encouraging to attend their meetings. Local No. 114 claims the conduit here in Toronto, and have written to the contractors notifying them if the plumbers put in any conduit on or after March the 1st we shall not pull in any wires installed by them. Now I wish every brother to fight for this.

Fraternally yours,

W. J. BATE,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 117.

ELGIN, ILL., February 28, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

The last day of February and a cold wintry one at that; and things look sort of blue around these parts. We had a little sleet storm here, but no extra workers were needed to repair the damage done. There is not much of anything here now for linemen,

but there may be when warm weather comes.

This local thinks like a few others do about this business of changing the next convention from Salt Lake City. We would say "no," leave it where it is now, although it will cost us more to send a delegate to No. 57, but we all think here that we should do as we would like to be done by.

I am going to say a few words in regard to the difference in locals charging a member that has to leave his home and go to some other town for a job. When he comes to join a local union with a good card, and probably he has carried the goods as long, or longer, than half of the brothers in the local he wishes to join, and then this local will say: "You will have to pay us \$10, \$15 or \$25 before you can work here; we have been on a strike here and it costs the brothers here a lot of money," never thinking that maybe the brother has been in a strike himself, and has a family to support and had to leave his home town for a job. If this is what the I. B. E. W. is intended for and stays that way, I think that it is rotten. It shows very plainly that the locals do not do what they claim they are for. The union is to help the members of our Brotherhood and not that kind of stuff. If this is not forming a trust of the boldest kind I would like to know what it is?

Linemen here get \$2.75 for a day's work, and that is eight hours, and if some floater comes in here and can get a job and has any tools at all, he has the glad hand extended to him and we do not ask him for any money at all until his card runs out. Then he must pay his little 60 cents, and that is all; and this local had a strike on for a long time, too. I think that the E. B. should at the next convention make a uniform initiation fee for all locals.

Fraternally yours,
T. H. BRYSON,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 120.

LONDON, ONT., March 2, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

I know that Local No. 120 has not been well represented in the Worker of late, but hope to keep our friends better posted in the future. We have been having a most

glorious time here, and probably that has been partly the excuse for not having our letter in.

We had at our last meeting nearly a full attendance, and entered two more members on our roll, and they now feel more able to work than before, knowing they have the brothers with them to help them along.

We celebrated our third annual "At Home" and after a most sumptuous repast, had some very flourishing remarks from our president, financial secretary, and Mr. Thomas Robson, who enlightened our understanding considerably. Representatives from the printers, cigar makers, musical, and local men were with us, and altogether we enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Work is about the same as usual—nothing startling, but yet enough to keep us going. The boys are all well and all join in with best wishes to the brothers of the I. B. E. W.

Fraternally yours,

DICK,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 126.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., March 4, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

As our press secretary comes up with the usual excuse "too much business, can't write," I thought I would drop a few lines to our journal.

Work is very slack here at present; that is, for union men. Local 126 is still trying to hold her head up, though struggling under difficulties. As the most of you know, we have the Bell Telephone Co. here; therefore we cannot expect a fair deal, as that company has never been fair to our organization in the South. Prospects looked pretty bright for the boys here some time ago, as the Bell had about 60,000 feet of cable to string, but the company imported a gang of men from Texas to do the work—all non-union. So, Local 126 took out after them, and made union men out of them. This, of course, made the old "Bell" hot. Not that Local 126 had ever done anything personally to them, but like the school boy, says "Wait till I catch your little brother out, and what I'll do to him will be a plenty." This company has been shown where to shove in by our organization at

other places, and for that reason she strike back at the smaller locals.

Now, getting back to the gang we made union men of. The company transferred the assstant foreman to another branch, and in his place appointed one of the most nortorious "scabs" in this part of the country, knowing this would be the surest way of getting rid of the union men. Just as soon as "scabby" made the second move toward giving orders, the gang quit, to a man. Now the climax is reached by the company laying off all the union men under their other foremen, leaving us two card men working for the Bell on the toll line, and their heads may be knocked off before night.

Local 126 is taking in the boys as fast as they come to town, and yet can't keep up with the decrease, as they get out of work and float to other points.

So, brothers, if you are contemplating a change, I would advise you not to drop in Little Rock unless you wish to work with and for scabs, as that's all we have left.

Hoping our press secretary can give you better news next month, and wishing all the boys success, I will ring off.

Yours fraternally,
THOS. M. KELLY,
President.

Local Union No. 137.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 2, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Another month has passed since I have written to our valuable Journal, and in that month I regret to say the grim hand of death has again been stretched forth and in its grasp it took from our midst our beloved brother and fellow worker, Walter Carr. On February 16, Brother Carr, who was employed by the Hudson River Telephone Company as a foreman, while building a new line at Menands, a suburb of Albany, had the misfortune to fall from a tree, by the breaking of a limb, a distance of twenty-five or thirty feet. He was badly injured, and lingered for eight days, dying on February 24. Brother Carr, although a foreman, never hesitated to take the place, when short handed, of either a ground hand or a lineman, and for this one grand trait in his character he sacrificed his life. His funeral

was held on Thursday afternoon, February 26, and was largely attended, Local No. 137 being well represented.

Brother Dan McCarthy is home nursing a sprained wrist, and recovering from a general shaking up, he having fallen from a tree the same day that Brother Carr did. There were two others that had falls on that day, but I did not get their names.

A slight disagreement took place between the telephone company and its employees on the twenty-first of February over Washington's birthday. That being a legal holiday the men demanded time and a half, as per agreement, and which, I understand, the company finally agreed to give.

Work is very slow in this vicinity, and has been for some time.

The Home Telephone Company of Cohoes will open up for business before many days.

As I expect to leave for other parts, I regret to say that this will be my last letter to our Worker as press secretary of No. 137. It has been a great pleasure to have had the opportunity of holding the above office, and hope that my successor will find it the same.

Fraternally yours,

F. E. GROSSMANN,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 144.

WICHITA, KANSAS, March 2, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

The March winds have not blown 144 away, so I thought I would try to say through the Worker something for the benefit of those who may wish to hear from us again.

We have with us Brother Calaway, of Colorado Springs. He expects to visit in Wichita for a few weeks and then return to his home in Colorado Springs. Brother Calaway is a thorough gentleman and likewise a union man. Should any of our brothers meet him at any time I assure them they will have no cause to complain.

The Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company recently laid off five, and to-day six operators were laid off. I don't know why, but it looks as though they were trying to cut and slash a little.

One of our old brothers is in Enid, O. T. Brother Bennett is a good and loyal man.

Welcome him, boys, wherever you meet him.

Brother Shipley has weighed anchor and sailed for parts unknown.

Since my last letter we rode Brother H. M. Jennings on the goat. He is a man well posted in his business, and will doubtless prove a credit to the organization of which he has become a member.

Some of the union men of our city are very much interested in the coming election. Everything from the mayor on down is to be elected. We are expecting some hot times, but we are able to stand the storm. Of course, our man will be elected. So we are resting easy.

Business generally is good, the outlook fair, and the conditions favorable.

Well, I must stop for the present, so will close by calling your attention to our worthy business agent, Brother J. W. Taylor. We often have occasion to pity him. He is continually looking after something in the interest of the cause, and in some instances has been placed in rather a hard position, but he is an old war horse in the business, and, therefore, on to the tricks of the trade.

I will try to come again next month. For the present will dead end.

I am in the cause

Fraternally yours,
E. S. CRIPPEN,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 152.

FORT SCOTT, KAN., March 3, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

As I was lately elected to the position of press secretary, will give you a few lines from No. 152.

Business has been very dull here for the past two or three months, but think it will begin to improve soon.

We have secured more convenient quarters in the Painters' Hall, on Market street, and with a new set of officers we hope to make our meetings interesting.

Brother Pratz, who has been here for some time, has left for green fields. Brother Jim White also went to Abilene, Kan., where he will build an electric fountain.

Although there is nothing doing here at present, should any of the boys who carry

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the green goods pass through here they may be sure of a warm welcome and a good meal.

With best wishes to all members of the I. B. E. W., I remain,

Fraternally yours,

CARL A. PINYARD,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 154.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL., March 3, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

As it is time for our little news to the journal, I will say that local 154 is doing a good business at present. We have four applications for our next meeting, and there is no one working that has not the green goods. We have two or three members out of work at present, but expect them to go to work soon. I would not advise any member to come this way, as the work is about to close here.

I will close for this time. Good luck to all of the brothers.

Fraternally yours,

A. C. S.,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 155.

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 1, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

As Brother Ireland has gone I was appointed to act as press secretary, and as this is my first offence at anything like this, please excuse mistakes.

Work is not very plentiful here at present, but all the boys are working. We are taking in new members at nearly every meeting, and have several applications on the table. We have a committee to draft a set of by-laws, which we have needed a long time. No. 155 would be in very good shape if we could do something to get the members to attend the meetings more regularly. I heard we were to have sister locals at Guthrie and Shawnee. No. 155 wishes them both much success. I hear there is to be a child labor law passed in the territory. I would like to see it, for we have about seven of them here doing inside wiring, getting from \$4 to \$10 per week, and only two journeymen.

I will not take up any more space and

will try and have a press secretary elected by next time who can give you more news.

Fraternally yours,

MARVIN THOMPSON.

Local Union No. 156.

FORT WORTH, TEX., Feb. 26, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Some of our brothers will say "what has become of 156; there has not been a letter in the last two Workers?" They would find a lively corpse if they came to our smoker. Everyone had a good time. Brother W. Perry, the State organizer of Texas, came from Dallas visiting, and made a good spiel to the boys. We had everyone invited that wears a pair of spurs, but there are many lost sheep we would like to see in our local again.

Our charter has been open for a month, and we added several new members to our local. We established a meal-ticket system for the floating brothers with the paid up card.

The Ft. Worth Telephone & Telegraph Company is stringing some cable, and a few floaters got work. We had a sleet storm, and everyone that came here got a job.

The Independent Telephone Co. is waiting for poles and material.

Inside work is quiet and the same with the electric light companies.

Brother Anderson has been sick, and is just getting well. Brother Ben D. Tyson would like to hear from sister Local 40, and we would like to know how No. 61 is getting along. We have elected and installed our officers.

E. M. Kilgore, alias Klondyke, No. 314, Tyler, Tex., sends regards to Jimmie Lee, No. 112, Louisville, Ky.

Fraternally yours,

FRED EGGERT,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 161.

UNIONTOWN, PA., March 4, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We are now holding our regular meetings in room 307, First National Bank Building, on the first and third Tuesday of each month. We have a fine room to meet in. We hope such comfortable and fine quarters

will entice the brothers from their own fireside.

Work is a little better here now. The Tri-State Telephone Co. has sold out to a Fayette county syndicate, and the new company will improve the system and connect up with Pittsburg. Charley Berg is their manager, and W. P. Franks is hunting the crosses for the new company.

The Fullman Electrical Co., of Pittsburg, Pa., has the contract for wiring the new hospital. Brother McDonald and Brother Emery are working there, but anybody going there to work has to have the green goods.

We have received by card John Dalton, No. 195 of Marietta, Ohio; Brother H. F. Schockey, of No. 14, Pittsburg, and Brother Ed. Ray, No. 289, of Hagerstown, Md.

One new light was added at our last meeting, and we have three applicants for the next.

The Pittsburg, McKeesport & Connells-ville Railway Co. are having their poles distributed for their high tension line to Connells-ville.

At this writing we have one brother on the sick list.

Fraternally yours,

J. D. RIFFLE,
Press Secretary,

Local Union No. 162.

OMAHA, NEBR., February 28, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We are meeting with great success here, having a membership of over 100 at the present time and growing all the time. We had a special meeting last Sunday and nine of the boys availed themselves of the opportunity to get inside our hall and take a look at it. They seemed to be satisfied for they paid up for seats three months ahead. We will hold another special meeting in the near future for those who can not get there on Thursday night.

Let every man get out and hustle for new members until we get them all. I would like to see the Brotherhood so strong that at the beginning of 1904 the General Officers could make an agreement for the International Union and tell them to have that signed and no other, making a uni-

form scale the world over. Did some one say, "Come out of it?"

Indianapolis, I am ashamed of you; really and truly I am. You are old enough to know better, and hope you will withdraw from your proposition. You will, at least, not get our support. Salt Lake this year, with the General Office in Omaha for the ensuing term.

Work in this locality looks bright for April, with three independents in view; the Postal with material on the ground, and the T. H. with considerable work in sight.

To all old Omaha men, I will say that there is a fighting chance of getting an opposition telephone in Omaha, and possibly a light.

Kid Williams give me your address.

This being all for the present I will ring off and promise to call up again the first of month.

E. J. STARK,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 167.

PITTSFIELD, MASS., March 3, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

As I have been elected press secretary for Local Union No. 167 I will try and do my duty and I hope all the brothers will do the same. As this is my first letter to the Worker I hope you will excuse all mistakes.

We organized our union in Pittsfield, Mass., August 27, 1902, and received our charter in September, with a charter membership of sixty-nine members.

We gave our first social and dance in December and had a fairly good time and crowd, but it would have been better if some of our brothers would have taken more interest in it.

As I am press secretary I feel it is time to tell our brothers to take an interest in this union. As we are only just beginning, without money or furniture and a high rent on our shoulders we can not succeed unless every brother puts his shoulder to the wheel and works for its success. And it is my wish and desire that success shall crown the efforts the winders' union is making in Pittsfield.

Work in and around Pittsfield is fairly good, but the work at the Stanley electrical shops has been a little quiet for the past

month, although the Stanley Electrical Company report that from the manner in which the company is receiving orders for the past week that more buildings will be needed just as soon as they can be put up. The company thought that with the completion of the two big shops on the Peck property, which the company owns on Beaver street, there would be no demand for more room for some time to come. It is said that early next month ground will be broken for more shops and that they will be hurried to completion just as fast as a large force of men can do it.

Scarcely a day passes but large shipments are made from the Stanley company's shops of quantities of long distance transmission and street railway machinery to different parts of the country.

Never, in the history of Pittsfield, has there been a better understanding between labor and capital. But little friction has occurred of late and everybody seems fully satisfied with the wages and the hours of labor.

The carpenters' union has issued a new code for the contractors to sign, which was circulated the other day. The hours of labor remain the same as last year and the scale of wages the same—the carpenters receive \$2.50 a day. A change is made regarding apprentices. Under the old code the contractors could have but one apprentice, while under the new schedule there can be one apprentice for every ten men employed, which will be appreciated by contractors employing a large force. The apprentices to receive \$9 a week for the first year, \$10.50 the second, and \$12 for the third.

As this is my first letter to the Electrical Worker I will close, by wishing all brothers success. I am

Yours fraternally,

EDWARD A. BERRY,
Recording Secretary.

Local Union No. 168.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., Mar. 3, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

I will now make my initial bow as press secretary, but you must excuse me for brevity, as we have just been organized and on Thursday night, February 26, completed our arrangements for a hall. We have a

permanent home for the boys, and a place to take our friends, also everything necessary to interest those who desire to become one of the boys. Our meetings are every Wednesday night in the Bricklayers Hall on Court Square. Brothers happening in our town come and see us; we are all very good fellows; nothing selfish about us. Work is very good here now, and will be better by April 1. There are two companies here, the W. Va. Western T. Co. and the C. D. & P. The opposition company is rebuilding the town and enlarging their plant from 900 to 3,000. They are installing a 3,000 line central energy Stromberg Carlston board. Everything in the exchange is to be new, even to the operators. They have put in about 40,000 feet underground and aerial cable, mostly 200-pair, so we are looking for a very busy summer. Nearly every electrical worker in town has joined us, and those who are still out are asking many questions regarding the local union. We have one candidate for Wednesday night. The town of Parkersburg is becoming well organized. Everything, even to the bell boys at the hotels, are organizing. I will try to have something of more interest for you by the next writing, as our press secretary, W. C. Vaughn, was taken sick the first week after we were organized, so we have been somewhat crippled, but Brother W. C. V. came out Monday with his hooks across his shoulders and one of those same old smiles.

Fraternally yours,

C. E. CHIDESTER,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 175.

BENTON HARBOR, MICH., March 3, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

As I have been elected press secretary I will endeavor to deal out a little of that goodness known as truth, about an individual who recently worked for the Edison people in Chicago. He has returned here and is in our midst with a card, which is not pied up. He worked in Chicago during the strike with a card in his pocket, but this is not all. He says the union sold the company fifty union cards, which the company gave the men, or rather the rats. Now, if this is true the local that sold the cards should be

looked after, and if not true I say this fellow should be punished. He is an inside man and worked for the Edison company for 28 cents an hour, and had the nerve to come here and want to pay up his card. Of course, he said he was sorry, but that didn't get him anything.

Hello, 197, I hope your trouble with the C. U. is settled in your favor. Good luck to you all.

Brother Fisher let us hear from you.

There is nothing doing here at present; in fact, everything is dead.

Mark Hammond and Brother Martindale, where are you?

As this is my first born I must not try to take up all the room in the Worker, so will ground my pike.

Fraternally yours,

H. ROBERTSON,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 198.

DUBUQUE, IOWA, March 1, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

As there has been no letter from 198 for some time I will try the ink, although the smell is nauseous. To begin with, work is slack here, and prospects are not promising, but we still hang on. Some of the boys are getting spring fever. Texas Stahl is going to blow in a few days, as he heard a blue bird the other day. We would like to hear from Geo. Chunch, Martin Cavok, Joe Wolf, John Benkley, and others. Kit Cleary is in Shreveport, La. Jack Rowley was here the other day with a roll that looked like six months' pay. He stayed one day and lit out for Chicago; come again, old boy, you are always welcome. Fred Phelps was here for a few days, and blew out again. If any floater comes this way please bring a victualing tag or dinner for we don't promise anything here, as we only get a little for ourselves. Jno. N. Krall, a charter member of No. 9, is our financial secretary. Now you will know where to send the coin, as we need it all. We would like to hear from or receive the address of W. F. Akers, who joined St. Joe, Mo., in 1893. As space is limited will close for the present. Salt Lake first, last and all the time, and boost a good thing along. With best wishes to I. B. E. W.

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Local Union No. 208.

MUSCATINE, IOWA, March 1, 1903..

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Local No. 208 held one meeting in February. No new initiations. Members well contented.

We are still in the grip of winter, and do not look for much new work before May.

The Miss. Valley Tel. Company recently received 8,000 feet of cable.

The Iowa Tel. Company will probably put in underground work here this summer.

The Citizens' Railway and Light Company expect to do some railway extension.

Only one union man out of employment.

Fraternally yours,

A. C. ADAMS,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 212.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, February 26, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

I was elected too late for February number so blow this in with March. Two years ago we had no home in unionism, nobody would recognize us, and, in fact, the brothers who came our way would not trouble themselves to hunt us up. If perchance we saw one all we got was "howdy" and he would disappear. The fact was we were working for anything we could get. So the floater would sympathize with us and not intrude on the little we were getting. Well, brothers, by hard and constant work things have changed, so to-day we are one of you. Two years ago we received \$1.75 per day, ten hours; to-day, \$3 and eight hours, which was won hands down. It pays to have a level head and stout heart, for your union will always bring the desired results. Of course we have some weak minded people in all locals, but they must be a bell cow or fall in behind.

We recall a visit Brother Maloney of 134 made us two years ago. We remember the words, "Boys, the conduit belongs to you; never under any consideration give it up." Now, we are very sorry to hear he did not heed his own advice. The contract 134 has with the gas fitters opens up the way again for them to have us spend some more money, which is needed for something else. It is

a shame! We have three brothers of 134 with us now—Bros. W. Beile, Geo. Hefner and Olive Olson, which we thank you for, as they are O. K.

Just now we have a small strike on in the E. M. Lawton shops. He belongs to the contractors' association. We are waiting for him to make a move. Well, there is plenty of conduit work here and the future full of it, but no gas fitters wanted. Brother Maloney the man you mentioned had charge of conduit work here. He laughed at us when we were fighting for it, and said we were suckers and could not win. He stated not four months ago there were no conduit men in Cincinnati. Electrical workers of 212, Cinti, are doing it just the same, without his assistance. Tell him not to come here and fool with 212, for he will return wiser if he does. We extend to all brothers 99 per cent and Brother Love the other one per cent you get on your examination fee, which I hope will be electrocuted at the next convention.

I dropped into 235 the other night to explain some matters regarding one of their members doing inside work below our scale, and I must thank them for the prompt action and courtesy shown. They imposed a fine of \$2 on a brother for talking to a scab, and he had a hard time to explain matters. That is right, brothers, don't let the sheep stray from the bunch. When you know a man's a scab brush him by. I would like to know why the Grand Lodge gave us the cold shoulder when we contemplated a strike this spring. I will say, Brother Jackson, No. 212 is on the list and must not be disfigured.

I notice in the columns of our leading daily a Gentleman's Ideas of a Working-man—"the less money you have the better for your boss." That is true one way—then we would have to do his bidding without a voice; work twelve or fifteen hours a day for any old thing. It would be good enough for a scab, and I would be pleased to see him in that position as long as he exists. But thanks for our unions, where the enlightened gather and reap the harvest of knowledge. A Gentleman says: When a man receives more than just enough to keep him in good working condition he is a disturbing element. I say when a man has a surplus at the end

of the week it increases his interest, for he will plan with more assurance how to more comfortably provide for his families wants, thereby creating happiness, which he could not get without that surplus. Should his wages not exceed his expenditures he is in a sad plight, worrying about the comfort of his loved ones. Something must be done—he cannot stand by and see those who are dear to him suffer; so he becomes a criminal, thus spoiling a life which two or three dollars a week more would have kept honest and upright. In union there is strength. The Gentleman says: By giving us time to ourselves it gives us time to think, then get discontented with our rightful place. I will say the workingman (union) of to-day knows his place, but we have it not. When we do get it we will bow and say we are satisfied. All we wish for is a fair day's pay for a fair day's labor. We do not care to join the 400.

The Gentleman says: We long for political activity. I will say it was just such people as he that drew us into politics, trying to buy our votes when they could not. They made us all kinds of promises which were never filled. Then we were compelled to take action for ourselves.

The Gentleman says: By not letting us have any leisure time we would not bother such matters, which are above our comprehension; we would be respectful, industrious and not forget our station. Well, all the workingmen I ever met are respectful and industrious. As for our station, we have not fully obtained that, but if we stick together and fight as hard as we have done, we will be the proud possessor of that to.

Yours fraternally,
FRANK WARNER,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 213.

VANCOUVER, B. C., FEB. 12, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Have not much to say this month. Good lively meetings are about all that is favorable in the electric line. Work is slack at present. Many of our brothers are still laid off. We are living in hopes of better times, and that is about all we can do at present; and I might say that Vancouver is a good

place to stay away from. Hoping to hear something to report favorably in the near future, I conclude and remain

Fraternally yours,
CHRIS BARKER,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 216.

OWENSBORO, KY., March 2, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

As the time has come again for us to let the boys know how things in Owensboro are getting along, I will just write a few lines to our valuable journal.

Well, things at the present writing are very good and the prospect for a busy year were never better. But, brother, don't forget to have a paid up card when you stop here or we can not talk business with you.

Brother William Kellum and Robert Stack have drifted in. We are glad to have them with us, for they are O. K.

Brother Mitchell has been on the sick list, but he is able to be out again. He took a flying trip to the country to-day to knock out a few crosses.

We had a letter from Brother Kern, of Clarkesville, Tenn. He said things were progressing nicely there. Brother Kern is all right; he has done a great deal to help the cause.

We have been very busy framing a new set of by-laws and have raised our dues from 65 cents to 75 cents.

The tanners are on a strike here. As the 2nd day of March is the day for them to set the scale of wages, at noon to-day they were recognized by all the shops but one, and they think they will have that all right before the sun sets to-day. They had but one man who wanted to scab on them, and the firm that he was working for told him that he could not work.

As it is getting late and I have to go to the country to-morrow to do some hiking I will ring off, with best wishes to the I. B. E. W.

THOMAS POTTS,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 218.

SHARON, PA., March 2, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

After careful consideration I am in a position to state that everything around this

town is very quiet. All have been fortunate enough to hold their situations, and the companies have been fortunate enough to get along without any extra men. All the brothers are sober, police-fearing gentlemen, and, of course, this adds to making news scarce. The Shenango River has ten feet of extra water, but, of course, water doesn't interest our craft. If Salt Lake City and Indianapolis have not decided that I. C. question yet, send it to Swantown. We'll have plenty of apples and cider. That's better than salt water and hoop-poles anyhow. If you have not any objections I'll remain

Fraternally yours,
RUBE,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 220.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 5, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Our local is doing finely, but we might have a better attendance. I hope that when the members read this it will bring them to our meetings oftener.

Brother Barnes has been sick for nearly two months, but he has reported for duty, and we are more than glad to have him with us again.

We are taking in a few new members, and expect to initiate some at our next meeting, and I think they will make workers. We need all the help we can get at present.

We are going to hold our first ball on Monday evening, April 13, and the boys are busy as beavers making arrangements for the occasion, and we have every reason to believe that it will be a success. We have disposed of a large number of tickets with members of 44 and 86, and in that way they lend their assistance to us.

As this is my first letter, I will not tire the brothers.

Wishing all success, I remain

Fraternally yours,
E. A. THOMPSON,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 222.

LAFAYETTE, IND., March 1, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We are thinking about moving from our hall, and think by the way things are go

we will be in our new one before another month has passed.

In the December issue of the Worker I notice a letter from No. 31 in regard to a brother member of No. 161 being sent out with the militia to fight against the unions, in which the press secretary of No. 31 seems to offer an excuse for him. I have a few words to say on that subject, as I have been watching the Worker for something from the press secretaries of the other locals, but they do not seem to care to discuss the subject. My opinions are brief and to the point. Any man that will belong to the State militia and carry a union card is not a true union man. In my opinion, he carries the card because he has to, in order to hold his job, and not because he has the good of the union at heart. In case of trouble the first thing is call the militia. Who are they going to fight? Probably their own brothers, they can not tell. The militia is the worst foe to organized labor. They are, in my opinion, worse than the scab, for the scab will take a man's work, and when we talk to them the boss calls out the militia to commit murder. That is all you can call it. They stand up and shoot the union men down like dogs. Now, if all the unions would do what is right they would insert a clause in their by-laws to the effect that no member of their local shall become a member of the militia, or if he is already a soldier he shall resign from the militia or not get a union card.

In regard to the letter from No. 180 about our traveling cards, he expresses the right view of the subject, and if every local will take this up and talk it over at their meetings and instruct their delegates to the convention to work for a universal card, I think we will have one. All the locals ought to be governed and ruled alike in regard to cards. A card issued here ought to be, and will have to be, good at any place in the world, without paying extra money for an examination in order to have good union men. Now, if we charge a man \$10 or \$20 for an initiation fee and he goes to Chicago to work it would not be right or show brotherly love to want to charge him \$20 more before they accept his card. Stick to your unions, boys, and we will come together in Salt Lake City and try to better things for all unions.

Brother Charles Grey, of No. 55, arrived

here, and is working for the Lafayette Telephone Company.

Work is slack now, but it will be brisk before long, and they will be calling for more men with the little green card, as they are the best workmen, and the people are beginning to find it out. As a general rule, when a man belongs to a union he has served his time and understands his business.

As I think this is enough for this time will close, wishing success to all members of the I. B. E. W., wherever they may be, and wishing them to remember the refrain of the song from the Homestead strike, which is as follows:

So the man who fights for honor,
None can blame him;
And no son of his shall ever live to shame
him
While liberty and honor rule his home.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. CALLAHAN,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 253.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, March 1, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

No. 253 is still in the ring and most all at work. No kick, with one exception. The press secretary did not send address and, therefore, 253 did not receive Workers.

By the time I put in another letter for the Worker 253 will have quite an addition to roll call, as fees have been made within the reach of all, and we sincerely hope all our fellow-workers will improve this opportunity. Wishing all brothers success, I remain

Yours respectfully,
BART C. BOOTH,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 256.

JACKSON, MISS., March 4, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We organized a local here on February 15. It was organized as a mixed local, composed of inside and outside men. We made a fair showing, and have got down to business at last. So if any one drops in he will have to show the goods and also have a paid up card, otherwise he can't stay in this town for he will get the cold shoulder. Work is fairly good at present, and we hope and know

that it will hold up for some time to come, as the future is very bright. Would not advise any one to come this way at present. Should any brother come this way he will not suffer. For we all have a place to eat and place to sleep and will treat him O. K. if he has got the proper slip. So boys bear that in mind, always keep a paid up card. The Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company will soon begin to cut over into their new handsome building. The Light and Railway Company has just completed changing their trolley wire. But they expect business to pick up again later on. There was another Light Co. organized last month, and they expect to begin construction at an early date. Will close for this time as it is my first letter.

Fraternally yours,

JNO. H. HANSBERRY,
Press Secretary, pro tem.

Local Union No. 259.

SALEM, MASS., March 2, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We had one of our members discharged from the Salem Electric Light Company this week. He was seen coming out of the local meeting one night by a fellow workman of the electric company, where he was employed; but boys we are not going to let this little thing drop. We are going to investigate it and if such is the case we will see if we can not get him back at his old job. If not we will make the Salem Electric Light Company hustle for it. This company told the men who are in their employ if they joined the union they would be discharged and they would give up the inside wire work. We are only waiting for a chance to get at this company, for they take work so cheap that the other contractors do not have a show to figure on it. It would be the best thing that could happen here if we can drive them out of business, and I think we can before long.

They are forming a building trades council here and if things go as smooth as they are now we will have the Salem Electric Light Company just where we want them before long, and then we will see if the company will discharge our good honest union men from their works, and if so there

are other union shops that will gladly grasp them by the hand and give them work.

Our friend George Hannon has left the Woodbury Electric Light Company and gone in business for himself, and all the boys hope he will do well, for we know the men he will employ will be nothing but union men and union wages. We wish Brother Hannon good luck.

The Woodbury Electric Company, of Beverly, Mass., have made consignment to their creditors, and it has made it pretty bad for the boys, but we are in hopes they will open their doors before long. If not you will see some of the boys on the tramp, with paid up cards and Mascott Bill for luck.

Boys, I will state that this is the last chance you have to get your name sent into Local No. 259; for we are going to close the charter next month. Now get yourselves together and have your names sent in, and do not be afraid of \$2, for you can spend it but once, and the time is coming when you will be the loser, so do not forget to send the money with your name.

W. B. JACKSON,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 264.

PITTSFIELD, MASS., February 15, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

I hope I am not too late for a notice in the March Worker, as some of the boys do not expect me to miss an issue.

Up to the present writing a few changes have taken place causing much regret, but as we have to live up to the by-laws of the I. B. E. W. we make the best of it. Being new beginners we neglected to thoroughly consult the rules, so our vice-president, Frank Beardsley, and financial secretary, P. Fleming, were compelled to give up their offices, owing to the contractor's clause. A rising vote of thanks was extended to them for their co-operation in getting us on a good road and a willingness on their part to give us the good hand when we needed it. We have been able to fill their places with good workers. Brother Dave Ford, formerly of No. 103, fills the vice-president's chair, and C. C. Rowley financial secretary's. We also had to lose a good brother and worker, President F. C. Hustis, who goes from here to Arlington, N.J., and we can as-

sure any of our fellow brothers that they will find in him a good card man—one who has done much in helping us in the benefits we have received in forming our local. No. 52 will probably have met him by the time this goes to print.

Brother and Treasurer W. Dillion has been absent from us for a time, tapping the air line for the De Forrest wireless telegraph in New York and Staten Island. We expect him back with a few gold bricks and tales of dear old New York town.

Business keeps about the same.

I guess this will cover the news for this time. With a good word to all our brothers, I am,

Fraternally yours,
H. J. NEITZEL,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 289.

HAGERSTOWN, MD., Feb. 28, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

It is about the same old thing, and that is the sticks every day.

The United Tel. Company is about through running their cable.

The C. and P. are going to do a great deal of work here. They have about eight miles of cable to string, and there will be a great deal of work going on here next summer. I think in one's year's time this town will be strictly union.

The mason's union gave a smoker last week, and invited all the other unions. It was to organize the A. F. of Labor, and I think it will be a success, as we are working it very strong. There were five unions represented—the brick masons, carpenters, typographical, brewers, and the electrical workers. There was a committee of five of each union appointed to investigate different matters, as there are so many women employed in Hagerstown. I think there will be no trouble to organize a union for them, and if we get the good will of the women I know there will be no trouble, for the will of a dozen women is worth more than a dozen men, and I think in the course of two months there will be not less than twelve or fifteen unions in this town.

Mr. Frank Rodgerson was killed February 26 while working for the United Tel. Company. Mr. Rodgerson was working on a

new pole on Locust street, feeding cable through, and, it is supposed, while working he got one foot on the alternator wire, which carried about 2,200 volts, and you can imagine what a ground he had. While he had both of his hands on the extension wire it burnt all of his fingers, and one entirely off, then falling about twenty-five feet to the ground, crushing his skull. He had an application in for membership in our union. Mr. Rodgerson would have made a very good member for us. He was to have been initiated that evening. We held a meeting of all the linemen in Hagerstown to make preparations to attend his funeral, Friday, the twenty-seventh instant. There were twenty-eight lineman that attended his funeral. His body was sent to Richmond, Ind., for burial.

I remain yours fraternally.

G. S. RIDGELY,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 315.

CHICAGO, ILL., February 20, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

It has been quite a while since No. 315 had a letter in the Worker, but I hope this will find a place in your next issue.

Things are going on very smooth in Chicago, especially in our branch of the business. We have a very nice local here, composed of cable splicers. We also have all the helpers organized. We have chosen W. A. Lake for president for the second term. He can fill that office to perfection.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN MALOY,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 316.

OGDEN, UTAH, February 17, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Please make room for the lost sheep that has been at last gathered into the fold, and for a lamb we think it quite healthy.

Work here is pretty good at the present time and more in sight, as the R. M. Bell Telephone Company have had an extension of franchise granted. Also a franchise granted to the Home Tel. Company.

I will not say much, as I will send in conjunction with this a plea for Salt Lake, but

I will say this much, that the work in this western country this summer will be great and we want all the yellow hammers that have the "open sesame" to know the same.

A rumor this a. m., to the effect that we expect \$3.25 without a murmur sounds good to me. 'Rah for unionism.

Our president, cool-headed as ever, during our argument over Indianapolis and Salt Lake, gave us to understand that personalities should be cast aside and "so be it," but to the credit of our local, and as an assistance to our sister local and the rights of the Great West, we were compelled to vote No. Give us in the West recognition as to our local rights. The locals calling for a change were all east of the Missouri, and we know we have no chance against the East in numbers, but a schedule of wages and the West shows the strongest.

The boys of Local 57, of Salt Lake, have been storming heaven and earth getting rates from the railroad companies and giving balls, not only to make a financial account, but to show the world of electrical workers a grand and glorious time.

A PLEA FOR RIGHT.

There is a time in every nation
 When an adverse tide is flowing,
 And the grand things of creation
 'Gainst many odds are growing;
 So it is with our grand union,
 In the spring time of its power,
 Still will join that bright communion,
 Growing stronger every hour.
 'Tis a subject of contention
 'Tween the workers, east and west,
 Of the greeting in convention
 Of the juice men—our guests.
 The biennial meeting granted to us by the
 Lake
 To a place in Indiana, they are trying hard
 to take.
 Not a grievance of a person,
 But the flower of our right.
 Bring them west—'tis their conversion—
 Show them wages out of sight;
 And when they fairly worship
 At the shrine of labor here,
 Send them back by air ship
 To their homes, both far and near.
 'Tis a plea 316 local
 Sends out to workers white;

We'll not cease our music, vocal,
 Pleading for their legal right
 Till decision's reached our meeting

In convention by our peers,
 Says, extend that hearty greeting

Ye grand workers of few years,
 Who are growing as the sunbeam

In the spring time of your days;
 So let your brilliant light gleam

While we linger by your ways.

Gainers, fixers, trimmers, all,
 In each local, great and small,
 Hear our plea for recognition
 In our far west position;
 Grant our rights, fulfill the oath,
 Once you acknowledged both—
 For you will never make mistake
 Meeting with us by the Lake.

And when your duty's over,
 When we all have done our best,
 You will think some of the rover
 In the city of the west.

This country may be youthful,
 But the liveliest ever seen;
 So accept this ragged tooth full
 From a young one—"316."

As I have made a party line of this, will
 Will dead end the bunch. Sense is all my
 letter lax, so here's my name.

Yours fraternally,

P. S. TRUAX,
 Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 323.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Feb. 28, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Local 323 is still doing fine. We gave a smoker February 14, had a full house, installed three members, and received a few applications. The newly elected brothers were J. N. McBride, H. H. Watson, and R. A. McBride.

Our program was as follows: President Sheen made a speech to open us up. This was followed by Brothers Upton and Brooks in their solos. Brother Fast recited a piece. Brothers Cunningham and Evans read some very interesting electrical pieces. Brothers Doolin favored the crowd with his old coon song. We then fell to eating, which was put up by Cunningham Evans. Brother Upton made a new brand of coffee, which was fine.

It seems as if Local 323 is doing all the

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kicking in these parts. In my last letter I spoke of the inability of the recording secretary to get answers from various locals. I guess the secretaries of those locals did not see my letter, for he has not as yet received any answers to his inquiries.

This local has been making inquiries about a certain man, and we were surprised to get an answer back from one of the locals to the effect that this man was no good, but our Grand Organizer, Brother Kennedy, had told their local to take all who made application, "good or bad." I also see that Brother Kennedy makes this statement in his report for February. Now, we of 323 do not understand this. If a man who had scabbed in the late strike of No. 14 makes application and they take him in, do you think this is right? We don't, and I assure you if a scab should make application here he would be turned down flat.

Our vice-president has left us. He took his card and has gone, we know not where. Should you see him you will find him O. K. Brooks is his name. Let us hear from you, Bill.

Brother Phelpuy has also left us. Treat him right, for he has the stuff and is a good fellow.

The Bell Co. are going to rebuild the town and we expect to find a good many card members here in a short time, otherwise work is slack. Brother Dave Evans would like to hear from Brother John McKenstry, formerly of Local No. 1.

The recording secretary of this local would like to hear from Brother Frank Runkle, of No. 33. Write soon.

We trust Local 77 will win out in their trouble. Good luck to you.

I have not stated our views as to changing the place of holding the next convention. We are in favor of Salt Lake City, and I think that is the place for it since that local has gone to such trouble, etc., as they state in their circular. I think they will win out, and I think all right thinking locals will vote that way.

Brother Geo. Cleggett, of 193, and Brother H. Carter, of 195, have dropped their cards here.

Fraternally yours,

DEVLIN,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 324.

BRAZIL, IND., March 3, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

As I am not the press secretary it is not my place to write to the Worker, but I am getting tired of not seeing any thing from Brazil. So I will try and think of something to-day that will be of interest to the floating brothers.

There will be considerable work here this summer. There is a traction line going from here to Clinton—about twenty miles—and I think the job will be a good one. But I would say there's not much work here just yet. We have had work for all the home boys this winter. All that are thinking of coming this way had better have the goods or they can't light here, for 324 is strictly and positively insulated, and nothing can work here that is not right. Those that are right can live with us at any and all times.

Hello, 40, let's hear from you. No. 144, how is Pedigo and us Germans together sticken?

Wishing you all a hearty good bye and good luck.

Yours fraternally,

TEX.

Local Union No. 339.

STERLING, ILL., March 1, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

The situation in Sterling and Rock IIs is certainly encouraging. We are optimistic over the admission of new members at each meeting. At our last meeting we accepted six applications for membership, with the prospect of five more next meeting. Our members are doing wonderful work among the craft.

We send four delegates to the labor congress, one of whom is vice-president of that organization.

Although in our infancy, as a local, we entertain high hopes for the future and warn the journeymen to bring credentials if they expect to work in this jurisdiction.

Wishing the Brotherhood unbounded success, I am,

Yours fraternally,

R. L. FAIRBROTHER,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 342.

NEW BRIGHTON, PA., March 6, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

I will let you know what our local union, No. 342, is doing.

We began November 17, 1903, with twenty-seven members, and since then we have had fifteen new members. We meet every Thursday night, and have very interesting meetings. I believe before many months you can expect to hear from us news for the good of the Brotherhood. Our local was organized by Mr. Glass, of New Brighton, but a member of No. 5, Pittsburg, and we are very proud to think he has taken such great interest in the electrical workers of this valley.

I will close by giving 342's best regards to each and every local.

Fraternally Yours,
W. E. CHERRY,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 345.

MOBILE, ALA., February 27, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We are having some good meetings in the old gulf city. At last, after failing some two or three times, I think we will have a good local here, as we are getting applications in every meeting hight. I think we will be able to get every man in our ranks that is in our line of work. We are very glad to see the Brotherhood increasing so rapidly. Just keep your shoulder to the wheel, boys, and push the carriage along.

I see in the February Worker that the press secretary of 192 is wishing to hear from all the press secretaries about organizing the negroes. Well, Brother Smith, of 192, it would be all right in one way, and then it would be all wrong. If we had the negroes organized they would be on the same basis with us, and when we went to the officials of any of the companies they would say at once that we had classed ourselves down with the negroes, and we did not deserve anything better than the negro. So I think the best thing is to drop it where it is, and let them stay where they are, for if the Brotherhood continues growing as it has in the past year, the negroes will be a thing of the past. I will tell you what my boss says about working negroes. He says

that before he will work a negro he will get out and do the work himself, and it would seem very strange to see the negroes hiking sticks, don't you think? I think it will be only a short time when the negroes will stand no show.

Well, I am glad to see a letter from Local No. 4, of New Orleans, and to know that she is still on the globe. Brother Lamphier has left for New Orleans, and it is regretted by many of the boys, but the best of friends must part. We have about eight candidates for our next meeting night. Our charter was left open for thirty days, and the time is up the first of March; but there are only a few left on the outside, and I think all of them will be satisfied to pay the regular initiation in a short time. The reason is that they were treated so badly before, they wanted to see this one started in a business way, and then they would come up and join hands. Well, I will assure you that they will come around in a short time, as we are doing great business at our meeting, with a crowded house.

Fraternally yours,
S. M. F.,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 356.

KANSAS CITY, MO., March 7, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Having been elected to represent No. 356 in the official journal, will do the best I can to give you the news from the mouth of the Kaw.

We had a vote on meeting night, and settled on Monday night. We opened with about fifty members, but will have considerably over one hundred when all the linemen get their transfer cards from No. 18. No. 356 and No. 18 will keep the same business agent jointly until the end of his term. We have had two regular meetings, and have our local by-laws ready for the approval of the E. B. Although as yet few in numbers, we are looking forward to making 356 one of the best linemen's locals in the I. B. We have formulated a scale of wages to be presented to all the companies employing linemen in the two Kansas Cities, the scale to be presented Monday, March 2, and to take effect Monday, March 16. If we get the

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scale without alterations, Kansas City will be a very good town for linemen, instead of as for the past several years the worst on the whole circuit. Think of it, brothers; a city, of over 250,000, with plenty of hot wires, paying, as a rule, only \$2.25 for ten hours. It is a very good place to stay away from until we get a scale of wages established. The outlook for all kinds of work this summer is good. The Home Telephone Company say they will have 7,000 'phones working by October 1, and so far not a cross-arm or guy on or a foot of wire or cable strung. The Bell Company, Electric Light Company, and street car company all have lots of work to do, and all kinds of toll line work laid out in the vicinity of Kansas City. Has Local 66, of Houston, abolished the office of press secretary, or is he just laying off? Will close, hoping to have something of interest for my next.

Yours fraternally,

S. W. McCACKEN,
Press Secretary.

NOTICE.

Ex-Brother Michael Battles of Locals 4 and 15, 1895, would like to hear from any of his friends that still are in the I. B. of E. W., and he wishes good luck to Brothers Wm. Burdsall, Thomas Barrett, Henry Hatt, Wallace Worlds, and to Ed. Boyle, of Local No. 112, and Tony Aspenwall of Local No. 4. Address all communications to Michael Battles, Nervous Ward No. 3, Philadelphia Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. He has been in the hospital five years, but is somewhat better, and, from present indications, may be able to get out this summer some time.

R. H. KELLAR,
Local No. 21, Philadelphia, March 1, 1903.

INFORMATION WANTED.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Will you be kind enough to publish in your information column an inquiry as to the whereabouts of Edwin Morefield, of Edwardsville, Ill. If I am not mistake Edwin carried a Federated Union card. Edwardsville being a small place he had a card like above mentioned. All matters have been straightened at home, and write his brother at Granite City, Ill. He is about 5 feet 10

inches in height; hard of hearing; smooth shaven when he left; brown hair; brown eyes.

Yours truly, and success to the I. B. E. W.
ALVIN MOREFIELD.

Granite City, Ill., March 3, 1903.

If Brother J. L. Cochran, formerly of 149, will write me at Wheaton Hotel, Wheaton, Ill., it will be to his interest.

JAMES A. SHERWOOD.

FELLER WE MET ON TH' TRAIN.

When me and par took a trip on th' cars
From here clean t' Kansas, one time,
We sleep' in a sleeper both nights on th' way,
An' pa gived th' porter a dime!
We done lots o' things that big travelers
does,
An' pa wasn't rattled a grain;
But one thing I'member th' best of all, wuz
A feller we met on th' train.

That feller had traveled th' awfullest lot—
He'd been t' Tacoma an' back;
He'd been to El Paso one time when his
train
Runned into another, right smack;
He'd et in th' diner till things didn't taste
No good cause they served 'em too plain.
I wish I was half as well posted as him—
The feller we met on th' train.

He set an' told pa of th' times he had bluffed
Conductors an' brakemen an' all
An' made 'em take tickets 'at wasn't no
good—
"Jist done it," he said "on my gall."
He'd fooled th' train robbers—it wasn't no
trick;
These skeered people give 'im a pain—
My pa set an' looked an' jist listened t' him,
The feller we met on th' train.

I said to my pa when th' feller got off,
I wisht we'd been places that way,
An' pa he jist smiled kind pitiful like
An' didn't have nothin' t' say.
But when we got home I was tellin' th' folks,
An' pa said: "Let up on that strain,
When you git as old as your pa, you'll fergit
Th' liars you meet on th' train."

—Baltimore American.

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Local Union No. 5.

PITTSBURG, PA., March 8, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We are nearing the close of the first quarter, which promises to be one year crowned with success as far as labor organizations are concerned. Very few organizations are anticipating any trouble for the coming year. No. 5 "stands pat" with its old agreement, which was signed last May. The bitter feeling shown by the contractors during that struggle has long since ebbed away and all seem to be working in harmony. No. 5 has been a busy one for the past few months. Her aggressive tactics have been the comment of many—ever on the alert to resist an infringement. She has demonstrated to the building trades' council and the public at large that within her folds are men who will not stand idly by and see her interests jeopardized through corrupt jealous individuals.

I would like to put all locals on their guard to look out for the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, which has gangs of plant installers on the road. They started to install the electric light plant in the new Farmers Bank Building here, but we got after them and tried to persuade them to join the union, but to no avail. The only redress they had was to get off the job, which they did, and our men are now completing the work.

Another firm, which bears watching is the Walker Switchboard Company, of Philadelphia. They tried the same tactics as the Westinghouse Company and were dealt with in the same manner. When you approach them they will give a song and dance; hold you off for a week or two; finally make application, pay \$5, hold you off for a few weeks more, and the first thing you know they have the job done and are gone. So there you are. Make them "cough up" all or none.

Another individual whom No. 5 has made life interesting for is one — — —, an ex-Brotherhood man, who jumped No. 5 in time of trouble and joined the elevator contractors organization, to run for them the flash light end of the business, which clearly belongs to us. We fined him and appealed to the building trades' council to make him pay it or stop work. It was arbitrated and

the decision rendered favored us, and, as a result, the elevator contractors are now on strike to maintain this Benedict Arnold. No. 5 will fight him and the elevator work to the bitter end.

April 1 will find us in a new hall, in all probability at Third avenue and Grant street. Our trustees are using their best endeavors to secure it.

Organizer Kennedy is still with us. He has organized two locals in this vicinity and is doing much to the strengthening of No. 14.

Fraternally yours,

J. P. K.,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 6.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., March 3, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

The following letter, explaining itself, has been handed to me for publication in the "Electrical Worker," and believing it will more than fill our allotted space I shall not encroach further than to say that Local No. 6 is in a prosperous condition.

Yours fraternally,

ED. SMITH,
Press Secretary.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., March 5, 1903.

Local Union No. 134, I. B. E. W.,

Chicago, Illinois.

BROTHERS: Local Union No. 6, I. B. E. W., some months ago sent your local \$100 for the purpose of fighting the gas fitters of Chicago in their claims on iron armored conduit work. You, in soliciting this money, and we, in sending it, violated the constitution of the I. B. E. W. Knowing this, we still sent the money, believing that the cause justified it. In your surrender to the gas fitters, we feel that you have surrendered more we were led to believe (judging from the tone of your letter) than was asked of you. We further feel and believe that you exceeded your jurisdiction, both as to work surrendered and the length of time for which your alleged agreement runs, and that we have been buncoed out of our money, as we sent it to fight with and not to surrender on. In keeping up the fight you would have been entitled to and would have received our earnest and undivided support, both morally and financially.

In view of the fact that both the National Building Trades Council and the American Federation of Labor have given the work to our Brotherhood, not to mention the local and State organizations, it would have been more honorable to have kept up a losing fight and died in the last ditch rather than have surrendered one iota of our rights. But we cannot conceive of its being possible to have made a losing fight, before any intelligent body of men belonging to our central body or of affiliated trades. We had the same fight here shortly after sending you aid. We sent it knowing we would have the same fight. We won our contention unaided, on the general principle of the evolution of our craft, or, to be more particular, the evolution of electrical conduits, coupled with the fact that armored conduit is not quoted or handled by plumbing or gas fitting supply houses. And that the work from its inception to its completion must be under electrical supervision and finally be accepted by the fire underwriters or city electrical inspector, and at no time is it subject to gas inspection.

We might have forgiven your letting the question lie dormant for a while, or to your making a temporary agreement, but to have surrendered more than was asked of you, and that for a period of five years. "That is the last straw." Your representation to us was for a fight for rights, and to gain them; instead of doing so you make concessions. It would have been a thousand times better to have let the gas fitters work and said nothing than do as you have—"taking them in and teaching them the business." Now they have something tangible upon which to base their claims in the future, not only in Chicago, but throughout the entire jurisdiction of the Brotherhood. Local Union No. 6 takes this opportunity to repudiate your so-called agreement and to notify you that we intend to appeal to the executive board of the I. B. E. W. to set your agreement aside, declare it null and void on the broad grounds that it is beyond your jurisdiction; also beyond the jurisdiction of any local to make an agreement touching the very life and heart of our trade, internationally.

The Grand Organization gave your local a charter covering inside electrical work,

which, of course, covers conduit work. You can only surrender that right to the Grand Organization at your pleasure, or at their request when they desire to form a new local covering this particular branch of our trade. We deny that you can surrender this work to another antagonistic organization by agreement or otherwise. We intend to follow this matter to the bitter end, even to the floor of the next convention of the I. B. E. W. Trusting that you will bend forth every endeavor to rectify the sad mistake committed by your local, we remain

Fraternally yours,

W. F. FISK,
President.

A. H. BARNES,
Secretary.

Local Union No. 14.

PITTSBURG, PA., March 6, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Brothers, I am sorry I did not have any news in last month's Worker, for I suppose there are a lot of brothers who would like to know what is going on in the Smoky City, but I will make up for that this month. Things around Pittsburg are very dull just at present, but we are looking for all kinds of work when the weather opens up. We had a great election here last time, and elected the whole county Citizens ticket. It is a great victory for organized labor. The Citizens party have given a pledge that nothing but union labor shall be employed by the city of Pittsburg. I am glad to see the way members are attending the meetings, and we will be second to none in a very short while. We are taking in four and five members every meeting night. I have not very much news this month, for we are having our agreements drawn up, and they are in the hands of the committee, to present to the companies. We will let you know in next month's Worker how we make out with them. We have had a lot of trouble with the telephone companies. They have been trying to put cable into the new buildings going up here at the present time, but without the aid of No. 5 we would have lost out on the big buildings. We heartily appreciate the interest that No. 5 is taking in our local, and we hope some day to be able to return the compliment to them.

We have with us again Brother Smutnitz, and all the brothers were very glad to see him out again. They are all very sorry that he had to have his arm taken off. Brother Smutnitz lost his arm from blood poisoning. He fell, cut his arm and blood poisoning developing, had to have it taken off. Now, Brothers, whatever you do keep up your dues, in case you do get hurt you will be in good standing.

We are having our share of strikes this year—the iron workers, tile setters, and painters and carpenters and paperhangars—so you can see that Pittsburg is getting lined up for next year. Bro. Pearl Dye has taken a gang out for the Federal, and he has good linemen with him as travel the pike. Good for you, Pearl; they have all got the goods. Brother Sam Harris has a gang out for the Butler Telephone Co. Brother J. Riely is back with us once again. Come down and see us, Jimmy, for we all have the glad hand to extend to you. Brother Kennedy is here, and doing good work. I hope that all brothers will help him along, for he is a brother that deserves the kindness of one and all. Brother Hicks was trying to shute the shutes down the steps to the Union Depot and was laid up for five days; his shoulder is sore yet. We have had a lot of visiting brothers here lately, and they have all left on other work; we wish them all success. We have Brother Ried, from Bowling Green, with us.

Well, brothers, here goes for a piece of prose :

Little Maloney
Stood up in a corner,
And shouted with might and with main;
And this was his question,
"With acute indigestion,
Should a fellow eat mince meat again?"

Jack and Bill
Went down the hill
To wet their thirsty throttles,
They found a place—
'Twas no disgrace—
Where drinks were kept in bottles.

When on the upward path they sat,
Jack fell, for Bell had dropped him—
A sad upset; he's rolling yet
If nothing met and stopped him.

Well, brothers, we received a note from Mr. J. Brennan with a request to have it published in the Worker :

Local 14. I. B. E. W., Pittsburg, Pa.

BROTHERS: I wish you would put this note in your Worker for some of the brothers that boarded here before the strike, and through and after the strike. I think I have given you plenty of time to straighten up your accts here. I earnestly wish when you see this note that you will try and straighten up your accounts with me, so that I will not have to be under the painful necessity of publishing your names in the Worker. I remain

Respectfully yours,

JAMES BRENNAN,
1104 Bedford Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

Well, brothers, being as my letter is getting rather long and space is limited in the Worker, I will blow a fuse so that I shall escape the waste basket.

Fraternally yours,

HUCK,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 15.

JERSEY CITY, March 8, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Brothers, you must not think that I am knocking, if I do say things that don't suit everybody.

There is a brother in Hudson County who has caused us quite a little trouble of late, but Local 15 was able to take care of itself. He held the grand position of washing bottles for a small salary. He was a good fellow, and Local No. 15 stood by him. Now he is drawing a good salary from the union. He is doing everything but minding his own business, but brothers, I am glad to state everything in this local is harmonious again.

Local No. 15 sent a committee to Newark last month to consult with our grand executive officers, Brother H. W. Sherman and Brother McNulty.

Grand Vice-President, Brother McNulty, organized a new local there, and Brother Sherman spoke on union principles, and I will say I never heard a better man on union arguments.

For the benefit of brothers who do not at-

tend meetings regularly, I will let them know that Local No. 15 is back in Jersey City again, where she rightfully belongs, and we have a meeting room you cannot beat, and we have just as good brothers in this local as you find anywhere.

Brothers Joe Wittle and Dick Starcky are putting up some very tall timbers for the High Tension Line. Some of the poles stand 150 feet above ground, so you can see we are high minded in this locality.

Work is a little slack around here at present, but the grand old summer time will soon be with us again.

Yours fraternally,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 21.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 8, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

In my previous letter I wrote that our present system of line construction is antiquated, and should receive our attention, and if any one doubts my assertion let him go and ask the business man if his telephone is working satisfactory, and he will tell you it works all right until he has some important business to transact over it and then it don't work. Ask the manager of the telegraph company if he is able to guarantee that a message will be delivered in a certain time, and, if he is candid, he will acknowledge that he can not make the promise. Ask the manager of the electric light and power company if he can give you electric light and guarantee it not to go out when you most need it; or if he can give you current for your motors so that you can depend on it and can do without your gas or steam engine. He may promise, but he will not sign a contract to that effect. What makes the electric street lamps flicker, jump and work like sewing machines? Bad joints, poor adjustments, and poor workmanship. What makes those same lights that are supposed to give a one thousand candle power burn like penny dips in fish globes? Over-loaded wires, or not enough of them, to supply the number of lamps the amount of current needed. Why is it that after every storm the telephone, telegraph, and the electric lights, which have become necessities, fail to work or give satisfaction? Is it because the systems have

become complicated, or have the linemen failed to keep step with the other mechanics that invented and improved them? You may also ask the manager of the electric light and power company why the bank account of his company is stained with the blood of electrocuted victims, and should he reply that these so-called accidents are unavoidable, inform him that twenty-five years from now, when wires will carry millions of volts instead of thousands, these so-called accidents and accidental deaths by electricity will be as scarce as snow storms in the Sahara. What is possible then with the high voltage ought to be possible now with the low voltage. There is no danger, or the danger is reduced to a minimum, where the work is done well and the system is perfect, but where every kind and any kind of inexperienced men are employed, and are permitted to string wires to suit themselves and to set death traps for the unwary; where thousands of death wires and pushguy's are left hanging until they break from their rotten fastenings or break because they are corroded and unable to hold their own weight any longer, falling across high tension wires which are bare, have bare points, or are tied in with bare wire, killing or maiming linemen or other people who are unfortunate enough to come in contact with them. Murder committed intentionally, or through wilfull neglect, remains a murder still, and if it is not murder what would you call it? Why does a manager or superintendent, after a so-called accident, send gangs of his men to that locality to put the lines in shape, to remove all dead wires, and to repair all defective places? Is it to save some other mortal from the same fate, or is it because a repetition of an unavoidable accident in the same locality might awaken the ire and indignation of a long-suffering and patient public? or is it done to obliterate the evidence of the crime committed? As the unscrupulous manager or superintendent has never taken me in his confidence I have never been able to solve those questions, and I trust to the future for enlightenment; but this I do know, that there are thousands of dangerous places and death traps in this and other cities. Why can't they be repaired or removed now and not after some one has been killed or

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maimed? The truth, as a rule, is not palatable, but as I do not wish to disguise this subject, I have described it as it has come to my observation, and, in addition to the foregoing, I also wish to state that foremen are chosen and permitted to do work, not because they are able, efficient, experienced, and intelligent, but because they are brutes, able only to drive and work inexperienced men, which the manager that has cobwebs on his switchboards, lines, and, for that matter, on his brains, believes it is necessary to employ in order to keep in subjection experienced men, who are able to improve his present antiquated and defective systems, who only ask for a slight advance on their wages and fair treatment in return for the risks and ability required to do good work.

Fortunately there is a remedy for this—in fact there are several—and it is not until we stop and count them that we fully realize the great good our union can do and the influence it can exert. To a good many of you our efforts in the past have been unavailing and unsatisfactory, but this is partly your own fault, because you have not assisted us to the best of your ability; you have been absent from our meetings when we needed your intellectual help most, and at the meetings you have permitted others to do the thinking when, perhaps, your ideas were just as good, or maybe better. Naturally one would suppose that it would be unnecessary to write the above, but to accomplish results which can not be obtained otherwise, methods which we have tried and which have proved themselves unsuccessful must be abandoned and new means and ways found to success, and it is the duty of every member of this union that wishes to improve his conditions to assist us to the best of his ability. Don't kick and don't croak; don't offer us only your most dismal visions that your imagination can call up; don't be throwing rocks in the path of the wheel of progress, but grab hold of the spokes and help it along. Things sometimes look rather slow, and it is hard to be patient, but eventually they will appear right side up. We are doing well, considering the many mistakes we have made in the past, and if you doubt me read the report of Brother F. J. Sheehan in the February Worker—"A Glance at a Year's Work"—and perhaps you

will be convinced, and if we did well last year we will be able to do still better this year, and this can be only accomplished by keeping at it until we are able to procure for our members better wages and treatment. We deserve it; now let us prove it. Let us show the companies, in a courteous and intelligent way, that in wishing to improve the condition under which we work and to get better wages we do not lose sight of the fact that in this commercial age a person can not get something for nothing, and that our union is not for our own benefit alone, but for the welfare of others as well; that as servants of the public we feel that the present methods of line construction is inefficient, and that we are able to cope with the question how to improve the same because the best mechanics are on our side, because that brotherly feeling which our union fosters produces better results; also, that we have an aim in life, while the other fellows and the inexperienced men can never attain this result or they would or ought to have done it long ago. Let us also prove to the companies that the employment of inexperienced men is detrimental to us and to the companies, because there is nothing so enervating and deadly in its effects upon the qualities which lead to the highest achievements as to be classed with inferior men. Put an intelligent man among savages and he will become, eventually, a savage. There is also a waste and loss which, the saving manager who thinks that in getting this class of men cheaper does not perceive, but the man who works with them can see. It is an every day occurrence to see the inexperienced men, who do the work slow and imperfect, delay the other men in a gang from work. I could also never see any saving by the employment of such men when they did a poor piece of work and other men had to go after them and rectify any mistakes they had made; also, where such men were entrusted with stringing cables, which they crippled so that they became in a few days or weeks useless. There are other instances, which I will enumerate some other day, and right here I would suggest to the intelligent manager who wishes to increase the earnings of his company how he can distinguish the intelligent mechanic from the the fraud that can

talk kilowatts by the yard, but who can not do a good piece of work, and whose only ability consists in putting more wire on the scrap pile than he does on the line or into service. If a man presents himself to you for employment ask him to show his union card, and if he has one you have a man before you that has had at least three years experience in line construction, because our union does not admit any one that has not been three years in the business. Take notice also if he is paid up to date, and if you see he is several months behind in his dues you can put him down as a fellow that likes his rum better than he does his union, and you have no more use for him than we have. Some prudent manager may think that by asking to see the card he would benefit the union, and I assure him that he certainly will, and the more he benefits our union the more he benefits himself, his company, the public, and humanity. We must also never forget the favors that the intelligent manager confers upon us in selecting foremen from our ranks, and do our best to assist him to make a good showing, in order to put union labor in the best possible light. We must dispel any fears which the companies may entertain that we are combined to destroy, but prove that we wish to improve their old systems and create new ones, and this will eventually culminate in the speedy understanding which is essential to our mutual benefit.

The meetings of Local No. 21 of late have been well attended and well conducted, and all the members are doing well.

Through the untiring efforts of Brothers W. A. Lynch, Gratz, Post, Kunkel, Simmons and Gintzler we were able to add twenty new members to our local.

Should Brother H. Rowley see this he will confer a favor on his friend and brother and our vice-president, H. C. Clahanan, if he will drop a few lines.

Fraternally yours,
THEO. H. WOTOCHEK,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 25.
TERRE HAUTE, IND., March 7, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:
Not much doing the past month in Terre Haute. The Citizens Telephone Co. is em-

ploying the usual force; the Central Union the same. The Terre Haute Electric Co., which has been on the bum since June 8, 1901, has been declared an open job by local 25, and card men are permitted to work there, but up to the present time none have taken advantage of the fact.

There is not much at the inside shops, but we are looking for a prosperous season. This town is enjoying a boom, having increased many thousands in population the last year, but the wages are about the same as two years ago.

The local has good meetings every Thursday night, great interest being shown in the discussion of "Practical electrical subjects." We have a blackboard, and every night some one is appointed to lead the discussion the following night.

Johnny Ryan blew in from the gas belt last night and entertained the local with a good strong talk.

Brother Enless, who has been laid up with the small-pox, has recovered, and attended our last meeting.

Brother Guy Britton, who has been laid up with a broken ankle, was just able to come out on the street when small-pox broke out in his hotel, and he was quarantined with the rest and will be shut up for another fifteen days.

As I can't think of any more to torture the Worker with, I will cut this. With best wishes for the I. B. E. W., I am,

Fraternally yours,
PAUL S. MARCKLE.

Local Union No. 44.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 7, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

"A poor excuse is better than none, and better late than never" are a few old chosen words used when there is not a great deal to say. So, it will be all right in this case, for I have not much to say for Local 44, as I have not been able to attend the last two meetings on account of sickness, but that did not save me any. I got my calls just the same for not doing my part of the work last month, but here is a good hint for a great many. Come up to the rooms and you will find out why such things are done, and who authorized such things to go on. Maybe if you were there it would have been

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stopped. Go up and see; now we have a membership of 100 members in good standing. Of course, there are more members on the financial secretary's books, but they are in arrears and will certainly have to pay \$10.75 pretty soon to get into room 86, State street. So, boys, square up before the financial secretary strikes you off his books, for he says that he will not carry anyone over any longer. It will be a good thing, for instead of having fifteen members at meetings we may have at least two-thirds of them anyway.

There is another exciting question before the locals at large—where the next convention will be held. Well, it is for the locals themselves to decide. They ought to look at this matter right down to every point. The first thing they want to look into is if it will benefit them any by changing; whether a fine-looking city with flowers, parks and games will help our delegates any, and whether they are sending their men to a convention or to see the country. Can every local send a delegate so far? It takes a great deal of money, which is needed in every local, instead of giving it up for railroad fare. It is useless to send a man to a convention who becomes a wall flower. We all know there have been men at the convention that might as well have been at the Philippines for all the good they accomplished by going, and the locals that did not send any were the best off. They saved the expenses of sending a man. The place the convention ought to be held is somewhere central, so each and every local could send their men; not bring it out of the world. We might as well say so; no small local can reach it at all. No matter where it is held we will all hope they will do the fair thing.

Spring has come and work is very plentiful, for Local 44 is receiving letters every week from out of town locals asking for men, but they cannot help any of them so far. We trust that the good work will still go on.

Yours fraternally,
L. H. KELLY.

Local Union No. 52.

NEWARK, N. J., March 7, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Writing to the official journal is the privilege and one of the manifest duties of every

local. Unfortunately almost every local underestimates the value of their official journal. One of the greatest incentives to our employer to treat with and settle any difference that may arise, is to convince them that they need look to no outside source for relief in case of a strike, and the benefit of the journal in this channel is unquestioned.

There are at the present time great cries on the part of the employing companies, firms and individuals for all labor organizations to become incorporated, claiming as their paramount reason the lack of responsibility on the part of all labor unions. This is a very forceful argument. But this is not all. They want to deal only with the men they employ, which would do away with all national or international organizations, thereby depriving labor of their right to help one another. If each local union were forced to become incorporated, and each employer of labor had the right to deal individually with his employee, there would be no need of unions in any way. As for example, it is perfectly natural for every man to mistrust his fellow, and knowing that their capital was very limited, and there being no way to assess, as their members could not pay if they were not earning everything; therefore, the strength of the corporation could be definitely ascertained by the public or their employer, hence the uselessness of such an organization. We can see the object of the advocate of such a proposition, and should be governed accordingly.

Now, we are waiting with not a little interest the findings of a commission appointed by the most trusted officers of this great country, to pass judgment on one of the most remarkable struggles between labor and capital. We feel sure that that judgment will not be entirely in favor of those few multi-millionaires, notwithstanding their God-given right to own and deal out as they see fit those necessities of life that have been supplied us by that providence that is claimed as a protector of the coal trust to the exclusion of the great masses, although we are told that all men are born equal by a higher authority than even the president of that trust.

Work in Newark has been quiet for about a month, but the indications are favorable for an immediate improvement, and while there are a few of the boys who have lost a

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few days, I think their holiday is drawing to a close, and that they will all be working at their old places in a very few days.

I wish to inform our sister locals that 52 has one of the most commodious halls of any local in the Brotherhood, which hall is our property all the time, as we lease the hall and own the entire furnishings, consisting of a goodly supply of chairs, desks, pedestals, iron safe, cabinets for both secretaries, letter press, etc., which, together with the day room, make the comfort so great that any brother out of work can usually be found there, and the best part of this room is that it is clean and wholesome. No intoxicating liquors are allowed, under penalty of a fine of \$5, or expulsion. All this helps to make Local 52 one of the most prosperous locals in the Brotherhood, coupled with the loyalty and honesty of purpose of every member.

We are progressing as rapidly as any, which has prompted our business agent to compose a song in honor of the local, of which he is so proud.

Fraternally yours,
CHARLES P. TAYLOR,
Recording Secretary.

Local Union No. 56.

ERIE, PA., March 6, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

The dance of the season has passed, but there is no use saying anything about it here, as you have no doubt seen the account of it in your society papers. The winter carnival is now on, held by the Temple committee of the C. T. U., and has been a grand success, and will run for two weeks, beginning March 2. Work is plentiful here now. The Edison are hiring everyone as they come along. Some of the boys don't like the ten hours, and pass it up. We hope to have eight hours in Erie some time, but that time has not struck here yet. At our last meeting Brother J. J. Reed was elected to represent the electrical workers of Erie at the State Federation Convention at Harrisburg, March 16. Brother Reed is on the legislative committee of that body.

Well, brothers, as there is no news of any importance to tell you, will close and try to do better next time.

Fraternally yours,
J. P. HANLON,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 57.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, March 5, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We wish to thank the officers and brothers at large for the interest they have manifested in our behalf, and their broad mindedness in voting the coming convention for Salt Lake, as it was not by might and power that No. 57 expected to win, but by right and justice, which guides us in all things.

Brothers, whatever you strive to win, let it be with a spirit of unionism, with respect to your sister locals, and, above all, be gentlemen as well as men, for it not only breeds contempt, but places the Brotherhood in a position where there can be no unity, and without that there can be no strength.

Had this last referendum vote decided in favor of Local No. 10, all the delegates sent to the convention could not in years have blotted out the injustice to the Western locals.

Work in and around Salt Lake is fair—at least has been, but there are more men here than there is work for, as the 'Phone has 72 men on their pay roll; so I would not advise any one to come this way.

When we signed our contract with the 'Phone in February we adopted a sliding scale—in fact, that was the only way we could come to satisfactory terms, which meant: Sub. foremen, \$3.52 per day of 9 hours; first class linemen, \$3.24; traveling brothers for extra work, \$3.00, which works hardship on the floaters, I admit, but nevertheless that was the only way we could settle.

In a month or two we expect to have but one scale, \$3.24 for all first-class linemen carrying good cards.

The Light Company is doing little or no work to speak of—three brothers were laid off to-day.

We now have four locals in Salt Lake—credit due to Brother Bob Currie for his effective work in organizing. Sorry to say he is still on the sick list, suffering from injuries received eight months ago.

Brother Cooper is able to receive friends at the hospital. He, too, has been quite sick.

Brother J. Hicks was laid up for a week last month.

Brother J. Lovell left us last week for

Denver. Boys, Joe is there with the groceries; treat him well.

Brother C. J. Reading is doing good work in Denver, organizing. He has taken in about twenty-five recruits.

Again thanking the many brothers for our recent victory, I am

Yours fraternally,

JAS. GARDINER,

Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 61.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., March 3, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

As it is time to write something for this month's Worker, will try to give the news from Local 61, but will ask the boys to excuse this attempt, as I am in bed sick. Local 61 is doing nicely at present, but last month was a sad one for us as we lost one of our members. Brother Mc. Gruder died February 15 of typhoid-pneumonia. Local 61 attended the funeral in a body.

We also received news that two linemen were killed in a wreck near Tucson, Ariz. They are supposed to be Danny Duff and Kid Brennan. The brothers named left El Paso, bound for this place, just about that time, but failed to arrive here. Two sets of lineman's tools were found in the wreck. Brother Brooks was also reported to have been killed, but he did not leave El Paso until later and is here now.

Brother L. N. Snider has been called to his home, near New Orleans, on account of the serious illness of his father.

Brother Kid White is having trouble with his eyes, and it is feared he will lose his sight.

I forgot to say in my last letter that Brother John Culp attended a meeting of Local 61, and all were glad to see him out again. He is still an invalid, being paralyzed from the hips down. It will be remembered that he was thrown from a pole in Santa Maria, Cal., last year and injured. It is hoped that he may yet recover the use of his legs.

The boys had some trouble with the Covina Telephone Company. They came in, reporting to Local 61. A committee was sent to the proper authorities and the matter was satisfactorily adjusted.

Work is not so good here at present on account of lack of material.

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There is considerable doing here in the way of organization. A union of inside 'phone and switchboard men has just been formed, with a membership of eighty-five to start on; also a Linemen Helpers' Union, with 125 men. Local 61 has a paid-up roll of 216 members. Our sister, Local 116, for inside men only, has a larger membership, and still there is a good deal to do in organizing, as there are many non-union men working in our city.

The Western Federation of Locals, which met in San Francisco January 15, formed a permanent organization, the objects of which are better organization; also a system of mutual information was adopted by which each local is kept posted as to the standing of all other locals represented in the conference. Steps were taken to keep a permanent organization on the coast.

J. S. WINFIELD,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 62.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, March 5, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Things here are booming at present. All the boys are well and working.

Brothers Brooks, of 323, and Unckrich, of 110, came in last week and went to work for the Consolidated Light Co. Both had good cards, and when a man comes here with a good card he is sure to be treated first rate.

I would not advise anyone to come this way, as our old contract with the local contractors runs out this month, and we can't always, sometimes tell what will happen at that stage of the game.

Local 62 of this city seems to be having more than her share of hard luck at present, as they have several men in the hospitals.

The boys here are sorry to see so much trouble stirred up on account of our next convention. I think the convention should go to Salt Lake City, as that was originally the choice of the Brotherhood, and I think that there are a great many more brothers think so, too, after reading the communication from the convention committee of that place. I say let the convention go to the town that is entitled to have it—Salt Lake City.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. T.
Press Secretary.

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YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, March 8, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Work is not as plentiful as it has been. I, for one, am not working at present. I would advise all brothers to steer clear for a while, as there has been four different contracts presented to as many different companies, and there may be some trouble in getting them all signed.

Emmet Carney has gone to work for the light company; E. M. Barnes, of 21, has joined the M. V. Railway forces; also John Patten, of 14, but he had the misfortune to get pulled off a span pole by a street car and had his arm and leg badly broken. He was taken to the hospital, where he is getting the best of care.

Since my last letter Brother James Cocran, of the M. V., had the misfortune to lose his leg, and was in the hospital till the 7th of this month, when he was taken home. We hope to see him around soon, now, even if he has to get there on crutches.

Brother Charles Perry is in the same hospital with typhoid fever, and is not expected to live; also Brother Lockwood, from Niles, is down with the same disease, and I expect to be taken with spring fever if I don't soon go to work.

If the brother who beat his bill at the Iron City Hotel does not settle soon, he will have his name published in the Worker next time.

We are cutting in a few lights; we put ten through last meeting and held a smoker after, which I think was enjoyed by all.

Yours fraternally,

D. V. B.,

Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 65.

BUTTE, MONT., March 4, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Everything is moving along nicely with 65 and organized labor in general in this neck of the woods, with the exception of a little trouble just hatched up between the plumbers and electrical workers, which promises settlement in the near future. It is an old question of whether or not we shall adopt modern methods of thawing out water pipes by electricity or whether the plumbers shall always reserve the right to "hold up" every

citizen unfortunate in having a pipe frozen, for a week's work for two or three plumbers, when the work can be done in thirty minutes, and at a cost of almost as many cents. We will give the plumbers credit for having one of the best organized unions in the country, and those who have studied their methods must claim that Rockefeller or Morgan have not a more dictatorial policy than has this same organization. So far have they gone in Butte that the very name plumber has become synonymous with monopoly in the labor world. We believe this the wrong method to employ, and that if organized labor can maintain a living wage only by thawing out the machine, it is bound to result detrimental to the interest of labor.

"Jones, he pays the freight," and anything that has a tendency to increase the cost of production is bound to react on the producer. What we want is improved machinery, but we should own it in common, so that labor in general would receive the benefit. The shoemaker opposed the machine, but it came, and the cobbler moved into the basement; the printer opposed the machine, but it came, and the typo moved on up the track; the tailor opposed the machine, but it came, and he is content to work half time, and it will continue on so, notwithstanding the plumbers' action to the contrary. The laborer was divorced from his tools away back when the machine became too big for him to own, and he will have to submit to the inevitable until such times have arrived for him to own the machine collectively, and that he is entitled to the full product of his toil, and until such times, he will continue to "whistle as he goes by a lonesome place."

Our new president is proving himself to be a prompt and efficient officer, always showing a disposition to be fair in his rulings in all matters brought up for discussion. Brother Holt's many years of experience with organized labor has given him the spirit of forbearance, never acting hastily on questions of vital interest to the Brotherhood until the details of all questions brought up for discussion have been brought out, and because of this, has the support of every member of 65.

The members of 65 are always pleased to read the communication from Brother William Gitt, this time from Manila, P. I. His

letter always has the right ring to it, and those who know Brother Gitt best know positively that his influence is always on the side of labor. Dollars to doughnuts that the next local will be organized in Manila.

We were sorry to lose Brother W. S. Miller, who took his traveling card and left for some point in British Columbia. It is but right to say that wherever Brother Miller deposits his card there will his home be, and he will be ever found working for the interest of that local. Treat him right, for he is O. K.

In the votes taken as to whether or not the convention should be changed from Salt Lake to Indianapolis, sixty-five voted unanimously in favor of Salt Lake. Nor could it very well do otherwise, as Salt Lake has already made considerable preparation for the coming convention, by laying out over \$1,000, which would be a total loss and result in placing 57 in a position from which it would be hard to recover. No. 65 voted \$15 towards the expenses of Salt Lake.

Will state for the benefit of Brother Gitt that Eddy Briggs is still in Butte, and that pleasant smile can be seen most any day following "Old Tom" around town looking for a place to hang up a telephone. Brother Briggs has a life membership in 65.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES H. DODD,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 66.

HOUSTON, TEX., March 3, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Work is very slack here at present, but we expect to have considerable this summer. The Light Company has just signed a contract with the city for a term of six years, and we understand there will be considerable work in extension, alterations and repairs. The Citizens Tel. Company will do considerable construction, provided they conclude to treat organized labor fair. If not, they will do considerable destruction, in moving their plant to a more congenial clime, for the citizens say if they don't treat their labor fair they can not remain in Houston and do business. The inside work is fairly good, but nothing rushing.

We understand our sister local at Shreve-

port to have adjusted their differences with all companies except the Cumberland.

BUM KILLER.

Local Union No. 68.

DENVER, CO., March 5, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Local 68 is improving every day, although there is very little work going on account of bad weather. About half of the brothers are laying off.

Prospects were never brighter for a good year for all building trades than at present, but it is rather early to predict what the next six weeks will bring forth.

We expect to get a raise of five cents per hour this spring, but not without the customary wrangle. Our fight with the contractors last year seems to have had a demoralizing effect on them as an organization.

Outside of a possible "Big Six" they seem to be nothing in common to each other.

Deputy Organizer Reading, of Salt Lake City, is with us, and is doing some great work. He has straightened several old tangles for 68 and given us some very good advice, and is having great success in all his undertakings here.

Our heretofore highly esteemed Governor Peabody has done the unpardonable by sending the State militia to Colorado City on account of the strike at the smelters. There was no possible cause for it. Indignation meetings are being held all over the State, and thousands of citizens are signing petitions condemning his action.

If the trouble is not settled soon it will probably involve the whole Western Federation of miners throughout the State.

Brothers of 98, I don't think old man Buchanan & Co. will ever be able to do a tap in this city until they have first squared themselves with you. Brother Russell has the matter well in hand, and every affiliated trade of the Building Trades Council will give us their hearty support.

The material has been on the Mint contract for the past six months.

Our old "war horse," Tom Spellissy is with us again.

Fraternally yours,
HARRY TEELE,
Press Secretary.

WACO, TEXAS

Local Union No. 72.

WACO, TEX., March 8, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

No news worthy of mention this month, except that we are crowded with rain. It is so disagreeable under foot that there is practically nothing doing. We are trying to get our initiatory team in good working order for Brother Lockman when he gets to Waco, as we expect good results from his visit.

Local No. 72 had a regular session to hold our next convention at Salt Lake City; the vote was unanimous.

We sincerely hope by this time that Brother Lockman has gotten St. Louis straightened out all O. K.

We have completed a new set of by-laws, and I trust by this time our secretary has sent a copy to the executive board for their approval.

Our Brotherhood has trebled itself since '98, and I don't see anything to prevent it from doing the same thing in the next four years, and it will be done if every brother in the Brotherhood will lend a hand.

So let us all work for the good of the order by helping our organizer to get as many new members as possible.

Waco has a labor journal now, edited by the old veteran, J. R. Spencer, and is known as "Justice," which is a credit to the editor as well as organized labor of Waco.

There being no further news, I will pull the switch. With best wishes to the Brotherhood,

Fraternally,

C. F. MARRS,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 76.

TACOMA, WASH., March 3, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

No troubles here worthy of note. A letter is impossible without troubles of some sort. Everything serene, work good, weather "beautiful nice," No. 76 still doing business, and my duties as scribe finished again for thirty days.

Many writers think that a change in the make-up of the Worker would be beneficial and of interest to all concerned, and I would be much gratified to see every writer give his ideas in the next issue. There is much

space given up for stuff that is of no earthly interest to any local except the one sending it. If a brother travels, is hurt or dies, we all want to hear of it. If information is wanted, we all want to help, or if a brother has gone bad, why we want to know that, too.

You all know the stuff that is of vital interest to us all, and so let us write just that.

Now, there are many strange and interesting things happening in the electrical world; accidents, phenomena, which we do and do not understand, tricks of the trade, trouble, etc. It seems that columns could be devoted to this, all unions helping, of course, and make the Worker a magazine that will be read and appreciated by others than members of the I. B. E. W.

Suggestions of this kind I feel to be in order, and I also do not feel as though they should be considered dictatorial. The editor publishes that which is sent, and it only remains for you to make new stuff and new ideas, and then our wishes may materialize in print.

Fraternally yours,

RALPH KROWS,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 77.

SEATTLE, WASH., March 3, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We are still on strike against the Seattle Electric Co. and Snoqualmie Power Co., and can not say there is yet any indications of a settlement. The Seattle Electric stand pat, although we have been out since the 20th of November. But, brothers, we are not discouraged, although the battle has lasted a long time, and when the robins return in the spring if the companies do not weaken we will still be in the fray. It is the fight of our life, and well we know our reputation is at stake. We know that the eyes of the entire Brotherhood are on us, and rest assured brothers, we will give you a good account of ourselves.

The following donations have been received from locals up to date :

Local.	Amount.	Local.	Amount.
4.....	\$ 5.00	125.....	\$125.00
5.....	10.00	126	5.00
8.....	5.00	136.....	5.00
14.....	25.00	138.....	2.00

16.....	10.00	140.....	10.00
21.....	15.50	144.....	9.50
23.....	25.00	151.....	50.00
30.....	5.00	170.....	1.55
34.....	15.00	173.....	5.00
36.....	58.00	187.....	5.00
42.....	10.00	191.....	60.75
59.....	5.00	193.....	10.00
60.....	5.25	200.....	5.00
61.....	50.00	202.....	15.00
62.....	5.00	207.....	10.00
67.....	3.00	217.....	133.60
68.....	5.00	220.....	5.00
73.....	25.00	227.....	5.00
75.....	5.00	231.....	5.00
76.....	100.00	233.....	5.00
83.....	2.00	253.....	5.00
87.....	5.00	266.....	2.00
88.....	2.00	283.....	30.00
109.....	5.00	286.....	10.00
110.....	1.00	310.....	2.00
111.....	5.00	314.....	5.00
112.....	10.00	323.....	2.00
113.....	2.00		5.00
121.....	5.00		

Making a total of \$957.15. We thank you very much. We have half of the men called out on strike working, so our benefit list is not so high, and with a little more financial assistance, there is no doubt we will be on top at the finish. And, brothers, when you float this way we can offer you \$3.50 and eight hours. And more, I would like to state, is, we have not a high board fence around the town. Any brother with the green card paid up, can go to work. If he can't do his bit that is not our fault; we give him a chance and he must do the rest. There is every indication of a lot of work here this summer. The Ind. Phone Co. are going to build considerable toll lines, and after a four months strike with the Seattle Electric Co. you can guess the rest, work hanging on ideas. I suppose some of you were surprised to see the names of scabs on Seattle and Snoqualmie jobs, but such is the case. Will close for this month. With best wishes to the Brotherhood, I remain.

Yours Fraternally,

JIM BROWN,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 80.

NORFOLK, VA., March 6, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We have just had an excellent speech from our worthy Brother McNulty, which I think will do us a lot of good. We must thank

him for the lengthy speech he has just delivered.

Some of our old members have paid up their arrears, and a good many of the boys have filled out applications blanks, and we hope to cut them in on the circuits at our next regular meeting, and have Local 80 where she was about a year ago, and think we can hold our heads up with the balance of the mechanics of our city. I tell you all if you want your members to attend your meetings just get Brother McNulty for about ten days to get behind them, and he will have all of them on the go and put your local where she was, and stronger.

Having told all I know, will close with best wishes to all and thanks to Brother McNulty for his able services.

Brother F. R. Pitt would like to know the whereabouts of Brother A. L. Winn.

Fraternally yours,

H. A. BROCK,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 83.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., March 6, 1905.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Work around this city is about the same as it has been all winter—that is just enough to keep the boys busy. The prospects for a busy summer were never brighter than at the present time, and in about four or five weeks there will be plenty of work for inside wiremen. I am not very well posted about the condition of outside work; that is something I will have to get wise about.

A good many of the boys seemed to be troubled with forgetfulness about every Friday evening, as the attendance of late has not been what it should be for a local of this size. However, I think the boys will show up at meetings more regularly after the new by-laws are out, in which we have a clause which will help to bring the boys around more regularly.

I wish also to state for the benefit of out-of-town members that the monthly dues have been raised to 75 cents, the extra 15 cents to be set aside as a sick fund. This went into effect February 1.

The linemen of No. 83 laid off a day last week to attend the funeral of August Zarbock, which was held at South Milwaukee. Zarbock had been working for the Wiscon-

sin Tel. Company for a number of years. Although not a member of 83 he was well liked by the boys. The floral offering sent by the linemen of 83 was a fine piece of work. August Zarbock came to his death by coming in contact with the wire of the Electric Light Company while doing some line work out at Lake Park. His death was instantaneous.

We have a committee out looking for a hall and expect to be in new quarters by the time you get my next letter.

Fraternally yours,
A. V. L.,
Press Secretary,

Local Union No. 85.

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.,
March 6, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Local 85 has been organized a little better than a year. During that time things have been kind of quiet, but we are not dead by any means.

We have fourteen applications, and if nothing happens they will ride the goat at the next meeting—not the applications but the applicants. When they are initiated we will have all but two or three of our craft that are in the Soo in Local 85.

On the 13th ult. we had an oyster supper and social, including a square dance by some of the boys, no ladies being present, as the aforesaid boys are kind of shy in company. I have my doubts about it when alone though. We had four brothers from Local 332 to spend the evening, and they are all right; come again, brothers, and bring more with you.

Any floaters or wandering brothers who may be thinking of drifting this way, kindly refrain from doing so, as we may have trouble during the next few months, and besides there is very little doing here at present. Here's hoping the fuse will not blow until you receive this load.

CHAS. J. ONLEY,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 92.

HORNELLSVILLE, N. Y., March 5, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

This local has levied an assessment of twenty-five cents a month, for the purpose

of enlarging the sick benefit fund, to begin March 1, 1903.

The Hornellsville Telephone Company are changing their plant from local to central energy, which keeps a number of men busy rewiring and changing phones.

Joe Daniels, a Bell foreman, and a good card man, is in town. He intends doing some work near here soon. Only card men need apply.

We have two men to tease the goat with next meeting night.

Wishing all brothers the best of success, I am yours fraternally,

MAX LUNDREGEN,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 100.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., March 8, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Our local has been engaged in a hard struggle ever since July 2, 1902; in fact, it has been a lockout, one in which the contractors have adopted the mean, contemptible trick of making men surrender their principles. Thank God, the majority of our boys proved loyal to their obligations. We have, I hope, the exclusive privilege of dishonor in having an ex-president and vice-president who bartered their union principles, if they ever had any, for silver; also curs in human shape whom we nursed back to health; others who claimed their families were in want. We gave to the extent of our means, in spite of the fact that they were not entitled to the same. They tried to resign to scab it. Like Judas, they sold us for the silver of their masters, and, like Judas, they will some day repent. Forgive we may; forget it, never. Local 98, sorry we are unable as yet to worry them, even. Local 108, you are all right; and Locals 88 and 104, keep your ears to the ground; take no fish stories from men without a paid-up card.

Brother Young, of No. 48, and Brother Gumaer, of No. 4, have deposited cards.

Brother Mays is back with us.

Local No. 100 desires to thank for favors done in the past—Plumbers, Painters, Carpenters and Joiners, O. P. I. A., Central Labor Union, Labor Journal, Brother Harper, and last, but not least, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. These are true blues, all of them.

The following firms are bitterly opposed to organized labor, and are unfair, and ordered published:

Electric Supply and Construction Co,
Florida Electric Co.

Wightman & Co.

Organized labor, be governed accordingly.
All wiremen are requested to keep away until matter is settled.

We had a committee meet with one of firms. They wanted everything. Result: no agreement. Our committee had full power to act, but were true to their union.

Bloom & Kitchen have the confidence of every member of No. 100.

To all correspondents, thanks for your good wishes. We are bound to win.

E. J. McDONNELL,
President.

Local Union No. 105.

HAMILTON, ONT., March 8, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Well, everybody must be thinking that this burg has been swallowed up by an earthquake, we are so quiet, but we are still in the ring, and as press secretary I must try and infuse a little ginger into our news department. Work is fair in Hamilton and vicinity, and prospects for spring are rather bright. We have had quite a few brothers floating out, among them Brother J. Mitchell, for Buffalo, and brother Wm. Bronson, for Lorain, Ohio. Brothers, take care of them, for as president and treasurer of this local and as untiring workers they were largely instrumental in building up our local.

Brother Thompson has left us for the South since election, so we will have to do some more electing. As I am new at the business, and probably uninteresting I must not tire you, but will cut loose next time. Wishing all ex-members of local 105, as well as the Brotherhood in general the best of success, I remain

CHAS. H. FRY,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 112.

LOUISVILLE, KY., March 5, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

The good work which was started by 112 some time ago continues to move along with

steady strides at every meeting, and every member of this local may feel proud of the progress we are now making. Every meeting is conducted on a more business-like basis than was formerly the case and more interest is being manifested by the members. As an indication of the interest that is being taken it is only necessary to state that out of a membership of 150 only 33 failed to attend any of the meetings during the month of February. Of this number several were out of the city, several were unable to be present on account of illness, while several are employed at night and unable to be present with us.

More is being accomplished for the electrical workers than ever before, and in establishing the office of business agent this local made one of the best moves that it has ever made. Our business agent has succeeded in organizing the inside wiremen and application has been made for a charter, and at our last meeting permission was given him to organize the trimmers and dynomo tenders.

We have established permanent headquarters in the McDowell Building, at Fourth avenue and Green street. Here we maintain both telephones, and also a library, reading and meeting room, and any visiting brother will always find a welcome awaiting him there. A register is also kept on hand and all visiting brothers are asked to register when in the city. And the best part of the office is that since it has been established several firms have stated that when in need of men that they would send to us for them.

We are also working on a plan to have only a man with a card permitted by the citizens to do any wiring in their buildings, and are meeting with more success thus far along that line than we anticipated. Another good feature of it is that we have the newspapers here favoring us in this move, and, for me, I certainly believe in printer's ink, when used properly.

During the past month sixteen visiting brothers called at our headquarter and registered.

And right here is a matter that the attention of all locals, in my opinion, ought to be called to, now that the time for holding our international convention is fast approach-

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ing. That is regarding brothers who go to other places where no provision is made to provide for them and no hotel is maintained. Local Union No. 112 does not maintain any hotel or fund for this purpose, although we never see any brother suffer, and many other locals are in the same fix. Now, could not something be adopted at our convention whereby when a brother was in a good fix, financially, and going away some kind of a stamp or card could be purchased by him, say for \$5 or \$10, and then when he gets into another place have this cashed by the local union of that particular place. This card to be redeemed by the General Officers when the next per capita is paid from the local that cashed it.

In my opinion many a brother would purchase these when they were financially able and they would certainly feel more independent in the next place they stopped. Along this same line is another matter on which some action should be taken at the convention, and that is the apprenticeship system. On this the I. B. E. W. is certainly weak, and if it was not for this wages would most assuredly be better throughout the country. In nearly every local men are receiving journeymen's wages who are not qualified, and No. 112, I have no doubt, has some of this class within its jurisdiction. However, we are going to improve these conditions, and we have appointed an examination board and every member will be required to take an examination and a working card issued to him according to his qualification. So, brothers, any who contemplate depositing traveling cards with us had better consider this. We are not requiring any fee for this examination, only asking that all show they are qualified to do the work.

We have also passed over a very unpleasant affair, regarding the strike of No. 286, of New Albany, Ind., and for a time it looked like No. 112 would be drawn into it, but matters adjusted themselves to our satisfaction. For a time the C. T. & T. Company had a move on foot to consolidate that office with the Louisville office and several of the brothers were asked to go to New Albany to fill the strikers' places, which they refused to do, being union men. This caused some talk, and for a time it

looked as if unpleasant matters would arise from it. However, the company soon gave up the idea, and only two scabs could be got to go from Louisville.

At the present time work in Louisville is not over plentiful, and I would advise brothers not to come this way until business picks up, which it undoubtedly will do in a short time. However, any who come this way will be given all the assistance it is possible for us to give.

The Citizens Electric Light Company and the Louisville Electric Light Company have been consolidated, and this will, no doubt, mean a good deal to Local Union No. 112, as the man who will be at the head has always been fair and square to union men.

As my report is longer now than I contemplated I will close until our next issue.

Yours fraternally,

C. R. GILMORE,
Recording Secretary.

Local Union No. 128.

ALTON, ILL., March 5, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Elected to the position of press secretary the first meeting in January I owe an apology to my own local and the Brotherhood for not having been prompt in sending a letter to the Worker.

Local No. 128 has never been very prompt in writing, but as long as I may continue as scribe, I shall endeavor to do my duty.

Though the cause has been rather slow in starting here in Alton, we have a larger membership than at any previous time, and I hope the time will soon come when every electrical worker in this vicinity will carry a card from our local.

Should the organizer ever happen this way and succeed in the organization of the men at the Illinois Glass Company, the Federal Lead Company, and the Central Union (Bell) Telephone, then we would be in much more prosperous conditions.

In regard to the C. U. T., let me say that they do not honor a card man nor recognize the union. Some few weeks ago there were some floaters here, men with cards, who went to work for the C. U., but I believe left again when they found out the facts. The only way to ever win them over is by the union refusing to work for them unless

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recognized as a union. So any traveling telephone men coming this way steer clear of the Bell.

Work is not overbrisk here at present, but the prospects for the season are bright, especially for trolley men. A line between here and St. Louis is assured, and another is projected, work to start as soon as the weather is settled.

Yours fraternally,

H. PAUL JEWETT,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 133.

DETROIT, MICH., March 5, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

News that will be of real interest to I. B. E. W. members is due again.

I notice from 192 a wish to hear the opinion of press secretaries on the control of the burr-head element. I spent the most pleasant years of my life in the South where this element is so plural, and feel quite capable, and assure all brothers in the South I will endeavor by every known means to keep "Mr. Nig" where he belongs. They formerly were brought here to grow cotton. Let us unite to keep them there. If we could by honorable means organize them and tempt them to ask for our wage scale, it certainly would be all over with them. We cannot take them to the I. B. E. W., and would politely ask our worthy editor or grand secretary to give us a little article in our next issue defining the possibilities of interesting the A. F. of L. in the cause.

No. 133 cast a unanimous vote to respect the voice of the convention and the referendum vote regarding Salt Lake City for the next convention, and sincerely hope the voice of all locals are the same.

No. 134 has our sympathy regarding the grafting done by carpenters. This matter should go to the A. F. of L. for the carpenters' benefit. We hear news that they want to do or will try to claim the same here. We will strenuously object and have no fear. For the good of the Brotherhood something should be done.

We are still watching for an organizer to come and assist us. Believing in signs, things look very good for plenty to do in our line this summer.

We have a committee to draw up an agree-

ment again. The noted Dook persists it shall be short and sweet—union labor, eight hours and money. That's enough. He wants no more long drafted affairs, with sections enough to put a big railroad system to shame regarding sections. Must not contain the words in phrases—habitual, perpetual, eternal, etc., as the contractors claim the last did.

At present nearly all men are working, and believe we will realize no trouble getting agreement ratified by contractors.

We now have the support of the Building Trades Council at heart, and their business agent makes things very unpleasant for some of the old sores.

No. 1, watch Judge Swan. We have one of those things still good on members of 133 by Michigan Tel. Company.

Brother Waters is just out from a two weeks' sickness.

Thanking you for space given last letter, and trusting this will be accepted, I extend my best wishes to the Brotherhood and remain

Fraternally yours,

T. B. McDONALD,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 135.

LA CROSSE, WIS., March 4, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

It is kind of slack here at present, but the boys manage to keep busy.

We are adding members to our local right along. We took in two at our last meeting, and have more waiting with the coin in sight; but we thought they would bear investigation before we would accept them.

The La Crosse Telephone Company are doing their underground work now, so that in the early spring time, old "Hooks Dunbar" can get busy with his crew of "fixers."

Deacon Weldo is about ready to go to work again, after his fall, received some weeks ago.

Charles Yates, our financial secretary, is happy now—the days are getting longer—and he will have more time to get out among the boys and get them to join local 135.

Fraternally yours,

F. J. KILLIAN,
Press Secretary.

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Local Union No. 143.

ASHTABULA, OHIO, March 5, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

On account of my being sick Local 143 was not represented in the Worker of February, but the local is very much alive just the same, having taken in two new members lately, and six others have deposited their cards with us. We have a large attendance every meeting, and have good meetings, too.

Brother Harry Sherwood has been laid up nearly all winter with fever, but we all hope to see him with us again soon. Brother Wise has also been under the doctor's care with rheumatism, but is now able to crawl out a little.

We are getting ready for spring election, and shall try hard to elect a whole labor union ticket. Shall also vote on local option in the near future. Everybody is working full time, but there is nothing rushing that I know of, so will "ring off" for this time.

Fraternally yours,S. M. MIXER,
Press Secretary.**Local Union No. 146.**

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., March 8, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Local No. 146 has moved to its new hall, Wheeler Building, Main and Fairfield avenue.

The members are attending meeting very good, no less than forty at any meeting out of a total of seventy-five members. Applications are coming in at every meeting, increasing our membership very fast. If we continue next month as we have last we will have every man that is in the city of Bridgeport working in the electrical business a member of our local.

Brother Sheehan was our guest last Wednesday night. We had a matter to straighten out, that concerned our by-laws when a member was in arrears. The way he spoke on the subject it would do you good to hear. He decided the matter without fear or favor, and hoped it would be a lesson to the other members to keep their dues up to date.

Brother Sheehan is trying to straighten out the Waterbury affair. It is my opinion if he

can't then no other need try. His gift of speech and the manner in which he handles a subject is a credit to himself and the I. B. E. W.

Labor unions are up against it. The State legislature is considering a bill to incorporate all labor unions. It is called the Tracy bill. The Central Labor is fighting it tooth and nail. Keep your eyes open, brothers. You may find that our rural district senators and representatives vote favoring the bill, and, perhaps, it would a good thing for the laboring class. Then they will come together as one and not be divided on a question that concerns their bread and butter. The mill of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine.

Brothers, meeting Wednesday instead of Friday night.

Yours fraternally,

J. T. ROONEY.

Local Union No. 148.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Since my last letter we have had the misfortune to lose Brother John P. Fleming. He was sick one week with pneumonia. Brother Hartrum and Brother Lafourcade escorted the remains to his home, Chester, New Jersey.

Work in the line department is very slow, and we advise all linemen to steer clear of Washington. The phone company is doing away with all overhead lines and putting in the block system.

We have had the pleasure of meeting our most esteemed Brother Larry Murphy of 21; Eddie Welsh of 81; Gus Hack and George Abbott of 326. They have blown South where the blue birds are whistling.

Hello, 179; Lafourcade wants to know why you don't get an alarm clock and set it about the 8th of the month, so as to wake you all up.

Brother Kennedy, why don't you send for those pictures of the delegates? I would like to see Brother Buckley leading the grand march with that claw-hammer coat on. Say, Buck, are you still smoking cigarettes? How about it, Brother Eaton?"

Yours as ever,

OLD WAR HORSE.

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Local Union No. 149.

AURORA, ILL., March 6, 1903,

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

From the remarks I hear I see that the letters of the locals are read, and I would like to see some of the brothers be more active and come to meetings occasionally if they want to know what is going on. As a rule they are the biggest kickers, if everything does not go exactly to suit them.

All members should attend the meetings, so when any business comes before the local they can all have a voice in the matter and not leave a few have all the work and responsibility.

Locals should be very careful about taking new members, especially charter members. There are brothers holding journeymen cards that could not be classed as good apprentices, and it is that way all over the country. Their skill as workmen and moral character should be carefully looked into.

A great many union men do not realize that unionism is not only formed to better the scale of wages, but to help each other in any way possible. Why not all come forward and lend a hand in a brotherly way to the less fortunate ones? Let us all work and perfect ourselves and we will be sure to meet with success.

The ordinance the electrical workers tried to pass through the city council was voted down. I am very sorry to say that a few of the brothers did their best to have it rejected.

I will ring off. With best wishes for the Brotherhood, I will remain

Yours fraternally,
J. S. QUIRIN,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 151.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Mar. 2, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Work is rather slack hereabouts at present, and quite a few of the brothers have taken traveling cards. Local No. 151 will give a picnic July 12, at Schuetzen Park; and we hope to have as good success of it as our last one. It is with regret that we have to report the death of one of our brothers, Robt. Wickham, who was killed while at work on a pole; and the way he was killed should be an object lesson to some of our

fellow workmen to never forget the man on the next pole. It seems he called for slack, and the man playing out the wire gave too much, and it came in contact with a live wire and he was thrown from the pole, landed on a picket fence and was killed.

We had Vice-President Eaton with us for several days, but it seems he did not attend any meetings of the local, but met committees that were appointed to confer with him to try and straighten out the differences that exist in the several locals, and I can assure you that we are all anxiously awaiting a reply from him, as it is a very mixed up affair at present, and should be remedied at once to create harmony between the several locals. I hope the locals of the Brotherhood will take up the constitution section by section and overhaul it and strengthen it in its weak parts, and when you send your delegate to the convention they can be instructed how to vote.

Hoping this letter will reach you in time, I remain

Fraternally yours,
FRED J. NEUMANN,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 160.

ZANESVILLE, OHIO, March 8, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Everything is about the same here as usual.

Two of our brothers have left the city—Roy Moore and John Hanrahan—and they are both missed by 160, as they were hard workers in the local.

Work is slack here at present; one or two of our members are idle, but we hope it won't be for long. We have prospects of having plenty of work here this summer.

Brother Kackley, who has been laid up from a fall, is getting around again, but it will be some time before he is able to do any work, as he seems to be troubled with his back. The brothers of 160 join with me in wishing you a speedy recovery, so get around as soon as you can, John, as we all miss you.

Just a word about our State convention. I hope that every local in the State of Ohio will have a delegate at that convention, which is to be held in Cleveland this month.

Brother Jack White was in town about a

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week ago, but he didn't catch on. He left here for Springfield, Ohio. I hope you will have better luck next time, Jack, as we would like to have you with us.

Brother W. S. Carleton, our worthy recording secretary, handed in his resignation at our last regular meeting, and asked for a withdrawal card. He has accepted the position of manager for the Electrical Supply and Construction Company, of Zanesville, which is a strictly union firm. We were sorry to lose Brother Carleton, as he worked hard for the good and welfare of the Brotherhood. At the present time Brother Carleton could use two first-class electric light wiremen if they should come this way. I remain

Fraternally yours,
H. J. SUTHERLAND,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 163.

WILKESBARRE, PA., March 5, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:
How are you, sister locals?

I am going to have my say,
And tell you of the ball we had
On the eve of Lincoln's birthday.
The papers praised it highly,
And though the news is somewhat late,
The people were of the opinion
'Twas the best ever held in the State,

And in all the decorations
We used one thousand five hundred
lights;
And I can tell you, brothers,
'Twas the prettiest of pretty sights.
If any of the sister locals
Want to learn how to run a ball,
Just drop a line to 103—
We will help you, one and all.

I will introduce them to you,
And if you come this way
Don't fail to get acquainted
With our Honorable Brother Ray.
He is really a brother from way back,
And on the day set for our ball
He did the work of ten men
In decorating our hall.

Now, of course, there was a chairman,
He is called Brother A. F. Lynch;
But I must not say much about him,
For here is where the shoe does pinch.

His crown of glory, as they call it,
Is very thin you see,
There's a little bald spot on top of his head
Where his hair had ought to be.

Now, Brother McGlynn was bashful,
But would come at a lady's call;
He is quite a favorite with them,
And he likes them, one and all.
Now the ladies all adore him—
They all love his face so fair,
And at the ball I mention
He gave six a lock of his hair.

For his hair is so nice and curly,
It's color a nice dark red;
And he puts it up in curl paper
At night when he goes to bed.
He won't work when the day is stormy,
Because it fills his heart with pain;
For you see, the curls he took pains to make
Will all go straight again.

And there was Mr. Ed. Johnson,
He certainly was all right;
And would have had a real good time,
But his shoes were much too tight.
So he played the part of a flower,
That grows early in the spring;
And the dear old song called Home, Sweet
Home,
He sadly began to sing.

But I think it is almost time that I
Paid respect to Brother Wimbrake;
He is a very nice fellow to boys,
But a little bit stuck on his shape.
Now, if he finds out who wrote this,
To the woods I will have to take;
I'm afraid I will see my finish
If I ever meet Brother Jake.

And as for Brother Krieger,
He had a very bad cough;
He washed his feet in buttermilk,
For to take the freckles off.
So, of course, 'twas to be expected,
That he would catch a cold;
For they say he hadn't washed them
Since the day he was ten years old.

And Killgallon, the ticket seller,
Is a very nice little fellow, too;
He curls his hair with a poker,
And his eyes are a yellowish blue.
He will come to our next meeting,
But I won't be there then,

For some of the boys have told me
His shoes are number ten.

Our young brother, Mike Tubridy,
He hustled around the hall,
And seemed in quite a good humor,
For he smiled on one and all.
But of all the things he did there
I really could not tell;
And he seemed to be delighted
That everything went so well.

Mr. Swartz is another good fellow ;
He worked with all his might,
And as a first-class waiter
He is really out of sight.
And then, there is Brother Krothy ;
He's a good fellow, and a No. one,
But 'twould take up too much paper
To tell all that he had done.

But of our brother, Dave Ebert,
I must tell a tale of woe ;
He was on the floor committee,
So of course he had to go.
But he sat all night in the balcony,
For what reason do you suppose ?
You could never guess it brother—
He had a big boil on his nose.

For his nose swelled up enormous—
It spread all over his face,
And you could not really blame him
If he would not leave his place ;
For as the hall he entered,
Now blame him if you can,
Some one yelled out, "Hello, nose ;
Where are you going with the man ? "

And then, to cap the climax,
E. J. McNulty, (sixth V.-P.) he was there.
He rubbered all around the hall,
And sized it up for fair.
He comes from Newark, New Jersey,
But he isn't here to stay,
And what he thought about the ball
I didn't hear him say.

With electric lights around the hall,
In stars, and circles, too,
And everything the color of
Our own red, white and blue,
In behalf of the electrical workers
I invite you, one and all,
To come and see us when we have
Our second annual ball.

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Well, boys, I guess there is too much ball
in this, but as there is nothing else very im-
portant to write I will wind up by saying
that nearly all the boys are working.

Yours fraternally,

M. TUBRIDY,
Press Secretary and Treasurer.

Local Union No. 169.

FRESNO, CAL., March 3, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER :

I want to draw the attention of locals that are situated as 169 is—that is, mixed locals. You have at some time during your exis-tence, not having an examining board, had to receive into your local men who were ent-titled to journeymen's cards who were not thorough workmen. Now, having received them it is our duty to put our shoulder to the wheel and bring these men up to the highest standard that we can, and by so doing not only benefit the brothers of that par-ticular local, but the whole I. B. E. W., and also to give to the company we work for bet-ter workmen.

Thus we show them that unionism is not altogether as they see it now, "Men uniting to compel them to pay high wages and hire union men, who may be good workmen or poor ones," but that union men, who carry journeymen's cards, should be entitled to the highest standard of wages. Now, No. 169 has made a rule, that some one is ap-pointed to select some subject for discussion for each following meeting night, with a blackboard for illustrating, if needed ; the board being furnished by the local, and I think it will be a great benefit, not only to improve ourselves, but also the attendance. Would like to hear some the local unions' ideas on the subject.

Yours farternally,

W. E. ALEXANDER.

Local Union No. 170.

MASON CITY, IOWA, March 5, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER :

Another letter is due the Worker, and I will try and do my little part by getting something in from No. 170.

We have only been organized about six months, but can boast of the fact that we have every eligible man of the craft in the

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town, with quite a number from the smaller places in the jurisdiction of our local.

Those who think of coming this way had better have the green goods, as it certainly looks good to us.

One year ago Mason City had only one local trades union in the town, now nearly every thing is organized, and expect within a short time to make this a solid union town.

On the ninth of February we gave our first annual ball, which was a success financially and socially.

Brother Jack Horn, reported on the sick list for some time, is slowly improving, and expresses a keen desire to hear from No. 273. Brother Mungor would also like to see something from 198.

Our former financial secretary, H. C. Crawshan, has left for Minneapolis. Brother Crawshan is a capable and devoted worker for the cause, and one we are all sorry to see go.

Hoping that I may be able to give something of more interest next month, and best wishes and success to all, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

F. W. ROBERTS,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 180.

VALLEJO, CAL., Mar. 1, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Only a chance for a short letter this time. No. 180 is still in the field, doing what good we can for the cause. Being situated as we are we can not report as some locals, the initiation of a new candidate each meeting. Once in a while we get one through. As we are expecting the jurisdiction over a large territory soon, we shall endeavor, by the number of applications, to show our zeal.

No. 180, with the kind assistance of Local 151 of San Francisco, is getting up a set of laws, pertaining to the safe placing of lines on poles, which we hope to have the city trustees adopt. More about this later. We hope the Brotherhood at large will not overlook the gist of 180's February letter. Take it up, boys.

Reporting progress for this end of the circuit, I remain

C. A. P.,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 183.

LEXINGTON, KY., March 3, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

I suppose it is about time for Local 183 to get a letter in the Worker.

We had our regular meetings, but did not attend to business in the right way. This coming year we expect to be up to date. Local 183 has been up against it several times, which caused the members not to take much interest in the meetings. We certainly do intend to come clean hereafter, as all of the brothers have agreed to help one another.

Local 183 has started the new year in a very promising way, having taken in two new members so far, and have applications for three more.

There is not much doing here at present, but the boys are still working.

Brother Godshall is here with us from Philadelphia, Pa., Local 98, to take charge of a traction job, and will employ none but union labor. Brother Godshall is certainly O. K., and is quite a help to us at our meetings also.

I will bring this message to a close, with best wishes to all brothers, I remain

Fraternally yours,
FRANK SWEENEY,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 190

NEWARK, N. J., March 9, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

The inside or shopmen are all busy, and there is lots of work to do for armature winders, as the shops in and around Newark are all on rush orders. We had our smoker and reunion on the evening of February 25. We had with us on that occasion our Grand Secretary, Brother Sherman, and he convinced all those present that the proper place for all electrical workers is in the union. When the invitation was given to sign the roll thirty responded at a special meeting. March 5 about forty new members were received into our local. We did not have the crowd to greet Brother Sherman that we ought to have. By the inquiries and the blank applications that are asked for, Brother Sherman's words went far beyond the hall. We expect and hope when we have him again to have all the old mem-

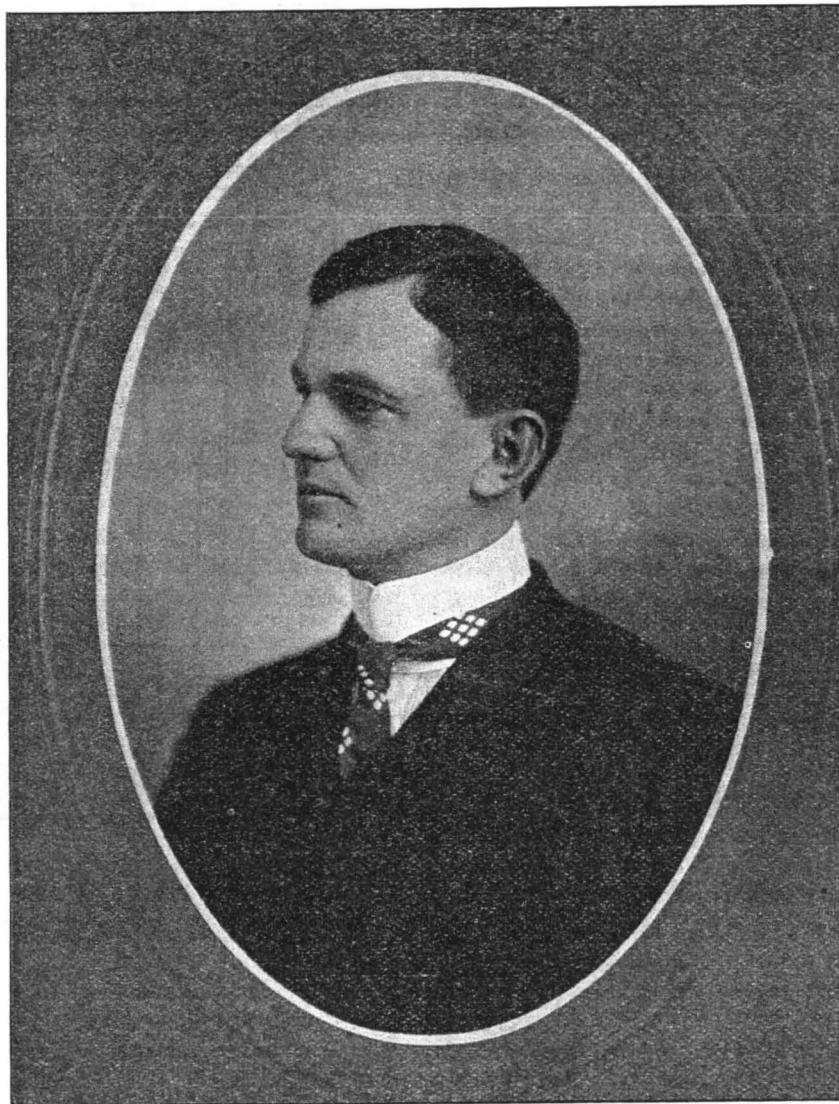
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bers and lots of new ones in line. Wishing all members of the Brotherhood success.

Yours fraternally,

M. R. WELCH,
Press Secretary.

one of the battle-scarred veterans of our organization. We trust all members who would perpetuate our glorious union and pave the way for our future greatness will stand by him, and abide by those laws laid



OTIS ROOKER, PRESIDENT OF LOCAL NO. 178, CANTON, OHIO.

Local Union No. 178.

CANTON, OHIO, March 7, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We have been under a cloud for some time, but hope now to come out of our sleep, and are going to try and come up to the standard. Our recent meeting was well attended. Brother Otis Rooker was elected president by acclamation, and the best of order was maintained. Brother Rooker was

down in the constitution. The application of William Aully was not balloted on for the reason that he was promoted to superintendent of construction since we had filed his application, and our local bars the position. As for work here, there is not very much. We manage to keep most of the boys busy. The C. & A Street Railway Co. are doing some work. It is a strictly union job. We have a nine hour system, with time and a

half for overtime, and double time for Sundays and holidays. I am sure if we can stop some of the hammers we will be all right, brothers. Whatever you do don't knock, for it is a very bad habit, at least we have found it out to our sorrow. Hoping in the near future to have more to say, I will close.

Yours fraternally,

W. B. THAYER.
Vice-President.

Local Union No. 192.

MEMPHIS, TENN., March 6, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Things are a little slow here at present, but will open up by the 15th of April.

We are having good attendance at our meetings now, and we are taking in from three to eight every week; if that lasts long we will soon have almost every body that works at the business.

I see the boys in Shreveport are having a hard fight. Stick to it, boys, and the reward will be yours.

As there is no more news I will ring off. Wishing all locals success, I remain,

Fraternally yours,
D. SMITH,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 193.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., March 5, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Work is rather quiet at the present time in and around Springfield, but I think within a few weeks it will open up. We expect quite a great deal of work to be done here this summer.

Brothers, I'm sorry to say that Brother Crow, member of Local 193, of Springfield Ill., had a very serious accident Monday, March 2, while on his way from Springfield to Decatur. Arriving in Springfield he stepped off the train and struck a switch stand, which threw him down and resulted in a badly mangled arm, which had to be amputated near the shoulder. Brother Crow was on his way to see his beloved wife and babies, who lived in Decatur. His mission home was to make necessary arrangements in regard to moving his family to Springfield.

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Brother Crow was a highly-prized member of Local No. 193, and we are very sorry to hear of his sad accident. He was well liked by all members, and had many friends in the city. Will close for this time. Wishing all locals success, I am,

Fraternally yours,

R. L. FLANNIGAN,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 195.

MARIETTA, OHIO, March 8, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

This is the first time I have attempted to write a letter to our journal since I was press secretary for No. 54, and having received our journals on the proper date for the last three months and not a scratch in it from No. 195, I think it about time our press secretary was taking a tumble and wake up from his Rip Van Winkle snooze, although the thunder of last night's storm may do him good.

This is the most important office, and should be filled by one who will wake up once a month and get a letter to Washington to be printed in our journal.

No. 195 is at a standstill; nothing doing at all in the under-water city. The Home Company has only four men; they all carry the green pass. The street railway company has only two men, and they carry the same. We have three interior wiremen who have lately joined us, and will make good men. In the Bell gang all are eligible.

Hello, No. 54, has your press secretary gone to sleep? Demeris, you will have to give him his callings.

I would like to know where Patsy Kneeland, better known as Black Hand, can be found. Is he doing much in the fur business this winter? And Jim Shea, where have you wandered to? I would like to hear from you.

Well, I will close, as it must be getting late; I see a flock of crows that make this city their resting place have returned from their day's pilgrimage in field and wooded dell, filling the air with their discordant cries, as they fly from tree to tree.

Success to the Brotherhood.

Yours fraternally,

A. T. WILLEY,
President.

Local Union No. 182.

MONTREAL, CAN., March 4, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Just a few lines to let the brothers know that local No. 182 is still alive and prospering. I regret that sickness in my household for some time past has been the cause of the Montreal boys not being represented in the Electrical Worker.

Since my last letter the Shawinegan Falls Company finished work for the season, and a number of the men were laid off, but it is expected that in May next a new road will be commenced, and then there will be plenty of work for the climbers. We had great success in unionizing the men; they came in as naturally as ducks to water.

We intend to be up and doing next season, for perseverance is the only road to success in organization as it is in other business proposition.

The membership is steadily increasing, especially since it is recognized that the adoption of the working card system by the Building Trades Section is an understood matter. Our president, Brother J. E. Hilton, who is vice-president of the Building Trades Section, has pushed the matter for all it is worth, and, as a consequence, the inside wiremen, who, I am sorry to say, were very backward in recognizing the advancement of their own interests by coming into the Brotherhood, are awakening up and getting in with us, for if not they have been let to know what the purpose is: "No card, no work," in this territory.

Our vice-president, Brother T. Soucy, a grand specimen of our French Canadian lineman, has been doing some missionary work lately, and has succeeded in educating quite a number of the linemen, who will ere long be active members of our order.

We have not been able to effect any improvement in the wage scale of the two large companies here. Had the men been organized we should have been able this year to have obtained improved conditions, but if we keep on as we are now doing 1904 will find the boys receiving a better wage and conditions.

I am proud to say that Montreal, once stigmatized as the home of the scab, has received a new baptism of unionism in all branches of labor, and the center of the

Province of Quebec will soon be known as the stronghold of international organized labor.

What is now needed to aid in keeping the advantages that we have gained by the steady, persistent efforts among the electrical workers by the officers of local No. 182 is that the city of Quebec shall be attended to.

There is no use in sending an organizer from any place outside of this province, as owing to the peculiar conditions existing only a French Canadian, speaking both languages and familiar with the locality, would have any chance of success. If the Executive Board will take this matter up, we shall be glad to aid in the selection of a suitable brother, and no time should be lost, as the labor fakirs, who are trying to break up our international system, by advocating local independent unions, and using the devilish weapons of race and creed prejudices to promote their schemes, have determined to try to get a footing among the Quebec linemen, and are arranging to commence, in the near future, operations with a view to establish an independent union among them. We earnestly hope that our Executive Board will help us to hold what we have by speedily attending to the needs of the electrical workers in Quebec.

Fraternally yours,

A. W. WALSH,
Business agent.

Local Union No. 197.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., March 6, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We have had some exciting times since last heard from. Our trouble with C. U. Tel. Co. is still on. They are very anxious to settle, but want everything their own way. We can't see it, as we have them going. It would make your heart ache to see some of the beings who are trying to fill the places of the men who are standing for their rights. There are about twenty working on the unfair job, and the collection would make a kindergarten any angel would be proud of. It has been impossible to get a correct list of the names, for they are mostly school boys. They have certainly had their troubles. One of them had a few words with one of the union men, and it ended by the unfair man being arrested.

His fine was \$9. Then they thought they would get back at one of us, and had not long to wait. It was a union man they had arrested on a charge of assault and battery, and it would do any man good to see the way Brother William Taylor defended him. His ability is assured, for the charges were reversed and the unfair man was again fined. The C. U. Tel. Co. are paying for any trouble their men get into, so we are trying to make them sick of their bargain. Will let you know results next month.

Our city was visited by the annual sleet storm the first of February, and that gave work to a number of visiting brothers. But it is all a thing of the past now, as forty-two of as good men as ever hit a stick took their little green cards and left for parts unknown. The best wishes of Local 197 go with them.

Work around Bloomington is rather a scarce article, but any brother with the goods is not going out of Bloomington hungry. Visitors are always welcome.

The team drivers have had a little trouble getting a scale with the transfer companies. There are three companies. The Madden Co. signed immediately; Boyce and Son settled satisfactory two days later. The firm of Johnson Bros. still unfair; men out; prospects good for settlement in near future.

As the C. U. Tel. Co. and Johnson Bros. are the only firms that are unfair, it can be seen Bloomington is at the front in organized labor.

With kind regards to the Electrical Worker and best wishes to members of the craft, I remain,

Fraternally yours,
E. L. WESTBROOK,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 209.

LOGANSFORT, IND., March 6, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We are having good meetings now—the fine motion has seemed to have some effect.

Brothers Brown and Vernon have put their cards back in No. 209. Brother Vernon has accepted a position as manager at Fowler, Ind., and we all wish him success as manager, for we know that nothing but a good card goes on that job. Brother Brown is slightly under the weather with the grip.

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Brother George Gilsinger has retired from line work and has bought an up-to-date sample room.

Well, brothers, things are looking brighter around here than they have for some time.

Brother Little is putting on some linemen at present, but that is only a starter, for the Home Telephone Company is going to spend \$75,000 to improve their plant this summer, and string more toll lines.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company are going to string two pairs of No. 12 copper and four pairs of No. 8 from Chicago to Pittsburg this spring. A good part of their material is stored here at the present time.

The outlook for 1903 around Logansport we expect to be a banner year.

I have come to an open line.

Yours fraternally,

C. B. CLUGSTON,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 232.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., March 6, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Although having been selected as press secretary for local 232, I have failed to write the last two months to let the brothers know how we are getting along.

We are doing very fine at present; had two new members at our last meeting and twenty-five applications for the next meeting. All members are working very hard to get new members in the local, for we don't want to be at the bottom of the list for not getting in recruits.

We are going to have a smoker at our next meeting, March 10. Everything is going on smoothly in the shop and all are working. I will close. Wishing future success to all brothers,

Yours fraternally,
JOHN A. DORN,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 235.

CINCINNATI, March 6, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Since the last Worker we have increased in membership a little, and we are progressing fairly well. We have been visited by the following brothers: Jud Strauss, Jack Abernathy, Denny Bunkly, Danny Burns, Roland Reed and a few others.

We have elected Brothers Baker and Parkey for the State convention, and we wish them good luck.

If Wooly Jolley sees this he will please write to Claude Hilderbrant, Gwenes Hotel, Norwood, Ohio.

Cincinnati has just had the largest fire since 1876.

All floaters stay away from Cincinnati till further orders from No. 235.

I am out of juice just at present, so I will stop over till next time.

JOHN C. EASY.

Local Union No. 242.

DECATUR, ILL., March 7, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Local 242 is still alive and doing business. Work here at present it not rushing, though a few drop in occasionally and linger a few days—just long enough to make a few "buck." We are feeding a few of the "restless," who work just enough to keep their cards paid up.

We are sorry to report that Brother J. E. Crow, formerly of 242, now of 193, while on his way home Monday night was thrown beneath the train and lost his left arm. After a few attempts to rise he succeed in getting on his feet. He walked several blocks, ordered a cab and drove to the hospital, where medical aid and nurses have started him toward recovery. It was a narrow escape. The surgeons had no hopes of his pulling through, and ascribe his being alive wholly to his phenomenal nerve and grit, for he had no blood left in him, and it was necessary to inject some. He is rapidly recovering, and we hope to report him present in our next letter.

The signs all point to big doings next month, and we advise all without the goods to procure same or fight shy of this locality, as there will be nothing for them.

Hello-to Sam Kusted and the rest of our absent.

Wishing all locals success, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

A. J. FRAZIER,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 366.

ALLEN TOWN, PA., March 9, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

It is with pride I wish to inform you and the I. B. E. W. that Organizer McNulty,

after his third attempt, succeeded in throwing in the main switch and up loomed Local No. 366 of Allentown, Pa., in all its glory, with twenty-one new lights, and at our next meeting we expect at least six more lights. I feel that the boys of Allentown are not behind the times, and that they know a good thing when they see it.

At present I cannot inform you where and when we will meet; as we will decide at our next meeting, and will inform the different locals, so when the brothers call around they will know where to find us, and we will be at home when they call. We had at our first meeting a brother from Virginia and two brothers from New York. We must also give thanks to brothers Joe O'Donnell and Michael McCafferty and M. Lutz, of Local 91 of Easton, Pa., in fact, all of Local 91, for the assistance they gave, and the helping hand they offered us. With apologies to the editor and the brothers, I remain

Yours fraternally,

JAMES J. O'DONNELL,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 283.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., March 1, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Having read the editorial in the January issue of the Worker, entitled "Our Next Convention," it struck me as being just about to the point. We certainly need a revised constitution. A constitution that will give all of the several branches of the business a standard law by which to be governed. The one now in use is hardly broad enough to cover all the points that will necessarily come up in a large local organization, to say nothing of an international, embracing as many branches as does the I. B. E. W.

As you clearly state in each issue of our journal, that the Worker will not be held responsible for the views expressed by correspondents, I feel at liberty to air a few of mine. We all have a certain right to our opinions and a little talk over them now and then is—in my own opinion—all to the good. Our worthy editor has practically advised us to discuss this matter and I hope the subject will be taken up.

First of all, I believe in creating laws that will govern all of us—from the lowest to the

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highest in eminence in our business. Just laws they should be—laws that make no distinction, but give to each branch an equal right to be Brotherhood men in every sense of the word. We are all necessary, one to the other, when it comes to a test of strength. Our wants are identical, and no branch can suffer without the other feeling the influence of it. There are many parts of a watch, some of them seemingly superfluous, but without them you have an unreliable time-piece. It is just so with a labor organization.

We should have a more stringent apprentice law. Most all the old labor organizations that have stood the test of many years, passing through hard, as well as good times, have grown wise in their experience. They deem the apprentice problem as one of the greatest importance. As a general rule they allow one apprentice to every five journeymen. This is as it should be. Now, how is it with the electrical workers? I have a local in mind that has an apprentice auxiliary whose membership is something over half as large as that of the local itself. If this rule is adopted in all parts of the country, and I suppose it is more or less, why, in the course of a very short time, electrical workers will be thicker than the proverbial peas in the pod. An overproduction of anything lowers its value, and if this incubator work keeps on, well—I'll make no predictions. It is a well-known fact that your conscientious (?) corporation and contractor is generally on the lookout for young blood, and this being so, if our present system is kept up, what is to become of the old piker? Verily, he must take to the woods. Our organization should be strong enough to make and maintain strong apprentice laws, and as one of its well-wishing members I hope it will be done. It's always a good system to look out for to-morrow as well as today.

Another important point, in my estimation, is our initiation fee. We have but one Brotherhood, there should be but one initiation fee, and when a new brother is obligated and the fee accepted he should be entitled to all the courtesies of the Brotherhood. It is not that way now. I refer to those locals having examination boards and charging outrageous prices for the services of the same.

Brother C. A. P., of Local Union 180, states in the February Worker, that under present conditions a traveling card of the I. B. E. W. is a sort of a burlesque, and he is just about right. Just for an example, we will say that one of the members of the first quorum that was ever called to order by this Brotherhood decided to do a little traveling. Having been in the business so long he would undoubtedly be a pretty good all-around man, but carries, for instance, a lineman's traveling card. He finally strikes a town that looks good to him and he decides to stop. There are no jobs open at line work, but there are at inside wiring—there being a local of both these branches in the town. The old-timer says: "Well, I can handle that work all right," takes his good old card up to headquarters and asks for the job. Does he get it? Well—sometimes. He is given the glad hand, his card is recognized and all that, but at the same time he is told that in order to go to work he will have to cough up just twenty-five large, juicy dollars for examination fees, or, as some call it, "registration" fees. His character as a union man, the age of his card, or his years of experience avail him but little. He might be granted a permit for awhile, but, eventually, he must pay that twenty-five. This, brothers, is unionism with a strong string attachment. By the beard of the prophet! I'll bet a growler of beer that that system causes the man who first thought out the employment office scheme to turn over in his grave in righteous envy. All this reminds me somewhat of a certain side show located on the midway at the late world's fair at Chicago. Outside were flaming posters announcing that within could be seen a congress of forty lovely beauties or living pictures, I have forgotten which; and all for one admission of fifty cents. Upon securing your ticket, which had a detachable numbered coupon, and entering, you came in contact with two ticket takers. The first tore off part of the ticket, handing you back the numbered portion. When you reached the second one and handed him the rest of it, if you happened to look "good"—that is "good" to him—he would look closely at the number and then, exultingly, slapping you on the back, exclaim, "Ha, ha! My boy, you are

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the lucky one. Just came in at the right time to get the lucky number. It is a conditional number, you know, and by payin us just five dollars more you have one chance out of three of winning our five hundred dollar cash prize. You are mighty lucky, my boy — mighty lucky." Frequently the sucker bit, though he had heard nothing of the prize before entering, and only expected what his ticket called for—admission and the show. Mind you, I have nothing to say against examination boards. The idea is all right, but their services should, by all means, be free. If a contractor should send to headquarters for a journeyman union man to do a certain class of work and then find the man incompetent it would give the organization more or less of a black eye; so ascertain a man's ability to do the work if he wishes a job under your jurisdiction, but charge him nothing for it. Let the initiation fee suffice. Unionism, like salvation, should be as free as possible.

The above is not written by a novice at the game of unionism. I say, with pride, that the writer of this has belonged to a union ever since being old enough to command a day's wages, and, at the present writing, not having accumulated enough of this world's pelf, as Brother Barnes would say, to be classed with the capitalists, expects to continue on a union man, and when the time comes to cash in, be buried by good union money. Verily, I believe if a man would live and die under these conditions that when he appears in his ghostly way before the throne of the good St. Peter and presents his spiritual traveling card that many a black mark would be erased from, perhaps, an otherwise blotched record.

Yours fraternally,

CHAS. W. HOLLAND,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 284.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 6, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Our local is in a flourishing condition. We have succeeded in getting in nearly every machine tender in the city, and will eventually land the others. Two of them had the gall to ask us to loan them enough money to square up with No. 86, with whom they are in bad standing, but we could not

see our way clear. We have only been organized about eight months, and our treasury is not strong enough to make a charitable fund out of it. Businees is good. All the men are working, the majority of them twelve hours a day, which is just four too many for any man to work. I will close.

Fraternally yours,

F. J. REDDY,

Local Union No. 291.

BOISE, IDA., March 4, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

The press secretary being absent, I will endeavor to get a few lines in the Worker this month.

We expressed our views very emphatically at our meeting in regard to the changing of the convention from Salt Lake to Indianapolis. It is rather late now to change, and our opinion is that it should have been done at the last convention held at St. Louis, and we stay with the convention's decision.

The Building Trades Council just held a mass-meeting here in the Colombia Theatre to show that the working man does not agree with our State legislature in regard to the eight-hour bill. The house was crowded to the limit. The bill was killed twice in the house, and one of our legislators held that to shorten the hours of labor was to lengthen the hours of dissipation. That is a fine thing for a state legislator to say that owes his election to the laboring man. He afterwards made apologies to the Trades Council for that speech.

Work is rather slow here now, with a few men out of work.

The Boise Rapid Transit Co. have commenced to build their Eighth street extension, and they will soon be in shape to push the work. They also will reduce the service from twenty minutes to ten, then possibly one can get some where quicker than to walk.

The Bell is building some toll line now, and have quite a bunch of men out.

We have at present about thirty members on our books, but some have "floated," and it is hard to keep track of the boys.

The press secretary may write from where he is, so I will close.

Fraternally yours,

"DEWEY."

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Local Union No. 301.

TEXARKANA, March 4, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Everything around Texarkana is going on nicely, but not much doing. No work in Texas, as a few of the brothers just passed through the gate.

I would like to state that if any of the brothers on the road have paid for traveling cards, I would like to have them write me, as I have a bunch on hand. It is a nice thing to have them when on the road.

Hello to Brother Brandt and Brother Maloney over at the Golden Gate. Wish you good luck, boys.

No. 301 is going to cut in one or two next meeting night. Wish we had some more good material to work on.

Wishing all the brothers good luck, I am,
Fraternally yours,

A. MANDERS,
Financial Secretary.

Local Union No. 303.

LINCOLN, ILL., March 8, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

I am a little tardy this month, but I hope I am in time for the March issue of the Worker. I don't know very much to tell the brothers, as things are a little slack here.

The Mutual Telephone Company has passed into the control of the Central Illinois Telephone and Telegraph Company, a new corporation. What their intentions are, so far as work is concerned, I am unable to state at present.

The Light Company has received some of its poles for the reconstruction of its heavy lead from the plant to the city, but have not begun work, owing to the unsettled weather.

There is to be some street railway work here this summer, but hardly enough to keep the home boys going.

Well, I have not heard from the Big Six yet. Where are you all, any way? You surely have not forgotten your brothers of 303, have you? "Agnes" told me she heard from "Shorty," but did not say much. Let us hear from you as soon as convenient, as we are very anxious about your welfare.

Brother Rube Talley has made application for a patent on a transmitter, and he is pa-

tiently waiting for his letters. I hope he gets it, for it sure is a talker.

Wonder where Brother Frank Dickerson is now? Let us hear from you; also, Brother Harry Skidmore. We have lost track of you, and would like a word from you occasionally.

Well, I will now close, wishing all brothers success, I am, as ever,

Fraternally yours,

H. J. BOLLIN,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 331.

LONG BRANCH, March 5, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We are getting along nicely, and as yet have had very little trouble, although there is a strike on here and has been for the past seven weeks.

Three of our men left us, but since that time we have taken in two new members and expect applications from three others at our next meeting, so the prospects for advance looks bright.

The linemen employed by the Consolidated Gas and Light Company, about ten in number, quit work here a day or so ago because their foreman did not have a union card. What the result will be we can not say as yet, but hope the difficulty will be settled satisfactorily to the union.

We are trying very hard to make all classes of labor here union, though every mechanic has an equal chance, because it places all of us on the same footing. It is known the world over that it is impossible for a skilled mechanic to command the amount of money he is worth when he has to be compared with and dictated to by non-union men. There are very few of them who are capable of doing a day's work.

The bosses are trying very hard to impress upon the unions that they are not only injurious to themselves, but to the towns in which they live. But of course we understand that the feeling which they have is not against the men, but for the money that they will be compelled to pay for labor if we win in this fight.

The majority of the men so far have proven themselves good soldiers by standing firm to the test that they have been put to. Some of our mechanics here are exist-

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ing on air, and with a hope that for all things lost they will be amply repaid if they can only win this hard-fought battle.

Now, my dear editor, I wish you to say in the Electrical Worker, for the benefit of Local Union No. 331, that it deserves credit for one so small in numbers and yet so large in its determination.

We are willing to fight to a finish for our brother for anything that is right.

I think I have taken enough valuable space in the number, so by saying that No. 331 wishes to be remembered to all other locals, will close, and remain,

Yours fraternally,

AUSTIN HURLEY,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 344.

NEW LONDON, CONN., March 8, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

As this is the first letter from a new local I will not crowd your valuable space.

Since Grand Treasurer Sheehan organized this local we have succeeded in getting most of the electrical workers in town as members.

All the trades are organized strong here. There is a central labor union here, to which we will elect members at our next meeting, and to which we are indebted for many courtesies and assistance in our beginning.

The work here is at the usual standard for winter. The South New England Tel. Company are the largest employers of linemen; they have a gang now running wire in Mystic. The New England Engineering Company are the largest employers of inside men. There are also other small contractors, employing from two to four men. Wages for linemen are about the present standard for the New England States, \$2.50 per day of eight to ten hours. The inside men are not paid as well as in other cities of the East. If anybody ever needed the parental hand of unionism to lead them into the land of milk and honey it is the inside men.

Brother Tomlinson recently returned from a fishing trip with a string of twenty-five large pickerel, among which were some of the largest caught in this vicinity for three years. They were on exhibition in a

local shop window. We have grateful remembrance of the spread they furnished at our last meeting.

Brother Frank Gifford could be seen any Sunday during the past sleighing season behind his speedy mare Hilda H.—2.35 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Hoping this will find space I ring off.

Yours fraternally,

PRESS SECRETARY.

Local Union No. 349.

BANGOR, ME., March 8, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

This is my first attempt at writing for your valuable paper, as we have just organized, and kept busy most of the time in promoting the good cause.

We started in with seven charter members and now have twelve, and there are ten more who wish to come in. We met with lots of trouble at first, but since we organized every one is willing to help us, and electricians, wiremen and linemen are turning up everywhere wishing to join. Even teamsters, engineers, and men who are not working, but who have worked at the electric work before, wish to come in with us. I wish they might; it would make us all the stronger for the struggle which we shall make this spring. The journeymen here get \$2 per pay of nine hours. We are going to try and get \$2.50.

In reading over the Worker, it gives one the general idea that work is rather slack at this time of the year. I always had the impression that electrical work in the West and South was always booming.

Work here in Bangor is in good condition for this time of the year. There are three contractors here, employing ten men. We are busy most of the time, and there are some contracts ahead. When spring opens up we shall be busier than now; I am referring to inside construction. The outside men are not very busy this winter, except the New England Telephone Company, but they are busy, with ten men, all the time. They will do a big job the coming summer, and will move their exchange to another building and put their wires underground.

A letter for Mr. Farr came to my house on Saturday last, directed in my care. He is not in Bangor now. I do not know

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where he is, but will find out and forward his letter with pleasure. This little act goes to show how Far reaching and all powerful is unionism.

I will have to close now, as I have told you all I know. Hoping those looking for work may find it, and those in trouble get out, I remain

Fraternally yours,
JUDSON C. SMITH,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 358.

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., Mar. 7, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

As it is rather late, too late for a letter in the Worker, I will just write a few lines and tell you how the new local is making out. We started out with nine, and since initiated at our second and third meetings eleven new members, and things look as though we would prosper. Our charter will be kept open until the 17th of March. There are some electrical workers we have not reached yet in the county, and there are good prospects of taking them in.

Our local is comprised of linemen, inside-men, shopmen, armature winders, crane-men, dynamo tenders, and a few trimmers and repair men, and have a good set of officers. Everything is going well, and the financial secretary will send in his per capita and fees for new members as soon as things are straightened up.

One point I failed to ask Sixth Vice-President F. J. McNulty was, if we take in a new member in the first part of the month of March does he have to pay that months dues? If after the 15th of March does he have to pay for the month of March? In both cases does he not wait until the first of next month before he pays dues? Does the initiation fee cover that month in which he comes in? also in regard to stamps for dues—when we want stamps is it only necessary to send 20 cents for each stamp if we want a supply on hand? And after a member pays his dues and we send in per capita for him I know that we send his name and card number also on per capita sheet.

Another question—what is the exact date our charter should close on to cover thirty

days from date, is the date on charter or date we receive it?

Our local is making application to go in the Building Trades Council, and also in Central Labor Union if necessary. At present we are making some jobs thoroughly union; already a good start in the right way.

Some of the bronchos in this vicinity can not be enticed to join the local. They are a bad set. I did all the coaxing I could, but without avail.

Yours fraternally,
WM. McDONOUGH.
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 364.

GUTHRIE, O. T., March 4, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

It is with pleasure that I state the fact that Local 364 was organized last evening, all members taking a great interest in the business of the meeting.

Brothers Jones and Nye, of Local 155, came up and organized us and started us on the right road, for which we are very thankful to said brothers.

We would not advise any floaters to stop here at present, for there is nothing doing, but we have a meal ticket they will be welcome to any time they light here with a paid-up card.

Brother I. N. King, of Local 253, who has been with us for several months, left yesterday for parts unknown.

Brother Geo. Barton, of Local 144, has deposited his card here, and is working for the Guthrie Tel. Co.

A copy of a bill to put union label on all printed matter was handed to us, which we all gladly signed, as the printers have no local here. The bill is to be put before the Legislature at this session, and we think it will win out easily.

As this is our first attempt and we haven't very much to write about we will close. Wishing all brothers success, we remain

Yours fraternally,
A. H. HARMON,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 9.

CHICAGO, March 7, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

After having been elected to the office of press secretary, I considered it one of my official duties to write a letter for insertion in the Worker, although it has been deferred for two months by injuries which I sustained, the letter for the February issue being written, but received too late for that publication.

Now that we have put the coal trust down and out, I think it time to do business with such enemies of ours as the "injunction." This has again come to the notice of the public recently by the Wabash Railroad litigation, in which the readers have no doubt taken some interest, as the principle involved is purely union and in conformity with our views. There is only one way that I can see to prevent these situations, and that is at the ballot box. Corrupt legislatures and such things as judges are what have kept and are to-day keeping the laboring people where they are. The time has come for us to unite in making an effort (which will no doubt be successful) to roust the grafters out of political offices and have the places filled with citizens whom we know to be honest. We have some men of this type now, but not enough of them to carry this project through.

There is to-day pending before Congress a bill which is of great importance to labor's future, and that is the eight-hour law. I think it the duty of every local in our Brotherhood to petition their respective Congressmen to work for the passage of this measure. Do you realize how strong the opposition of the manufacturers will be? Do you realize what it means to us and coming generations? I hope the editor of this journal will not infer that I would like to see our Brotherhood turned into a political organization, for that is not my desire; but, brothers, you all know we must take a hand in this issue to a certain extent, and it is the advocacy of this question, as stated above, which this article is intended to convey.

No. 9, as well as nearly all the labor organizations in Chicago, has adopted the "button," the signification of which is becoming more largely acknowledged daily.

It is with the sympathy of No. 9 that the

announcement is made of the misfortune which has befallen our worthy brother, A. J. Coty, who has sustained an irreparable loss in the death of his wife.

The following is a copy of his letter:

"CHICAGO, March 5, 1903.

"EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

"I wish to thank the brothers of No. 9, through your columns, for the kindness shown to me during the recent sickness and death of my wife. A. J. Coty."

Brother Charles Watts has also been unfortunate enough to be confined to his home for a week, but I am pleased to be able to say that his illness is nothing serious, and he should soon be out again.

With kindest regards to the Brotherhood, I remain

Fraternally yours,

A. E. JACKSON,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 13.

EL PASO, TEXAS, March 7, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We have to report that, to the best of our knowledge, Brothers Danny Duff and Kid Brenans were killed in the Southern Pacific wreck at Tucson, Arizona. The wreck caught fire and several persons were roasted; in fact, there was nothing left to identify them. There were one or two pairs of Western hooks found in the ruins.

Work here in the electrical line is very slack at present.

We are going into politics good and strong. We have got out a union labor ticket, and the Republicans have endorsed it and one-half of the Democrats, so it seems we are in good shape to elect our entire ticket. You would be surprised at the amount of advertising union labor gets out of being in politics, and to hear every one say what a good friend they had been to union labor.

If you can possibly get this in do so. I know I am late, but it is not my fault.

With regards, I remain

Yours fraternally,

J. BLAKE,
Press Secretary pro tem.

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Local Union No. 17.

DETROIT, MICH., March 8, 1902

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Expectants of something sensational or the March number will, no doubt, heave a sigh of disappointment, as we have been assigned the cast of the under dog for the present. Magnanimity of character can reveal itself with greater magnitude and for the greatest good when the leader of the illiterate has marshaled all his host.

We hope no one outside the fraternity will think the press secretary has calloused hands—perfectly soft and natural.

While in a hopeful humor let us all hope together that No. 205 wins her hard fought battle. "Seventeen" has rendered her moral assistance—kept a "regular" in the field, ever since the trouble has been on at —— per day to picket and make himself generally useful.

With May flowers comes more money. Some of the boys say the buds are opening now. A few have been promised slightly more than ten per cent. To those we look up to with respect. They possess the required manhood to ask for that which they deserve, and, let me say in the same breath, that we believe no broader, fairer minded employers dwell on the face of the earth than the electrical workers of Detroit can boast of.

No. 17 has weathered many a storm, and is now going up easy street on a cushioned frame.

Banquet at the Griswold House this month—\$1.75 per plate. We should have two hundred in attendance out of our big bunch.

Distant brothers will hear with pleasure that Edward Hindson is in the harness again, after an illness of six months. This cleans up all sick committees, and the sun never shone on a more flattering outlook for a healthy and prosperous season than to-day.

Death has called home the wife of Brother John H. Bradd. Brother, your comrades extend their most heartful sympathy to you.

J. Galbraith, 1202 Second avenue, wishes to hear from Brother Will Bodewig.

Yours fraternally,

EDW. G. SMITH,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 22

OMAHA, NEBR., March 9, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

This local branched out in a new direction a few weeks since. We gave our first ball, and it was such an enjoyable affair that we shall most certainly repeat it. The floor was well filled at each number, and there was not the slightest discord to mar the pleasure of the evening. All expenses were promptly paid, and a nice balance was left to augment the treasury.

The success of the affair was due very largely to the untiring efforts of two members of the committee, Brothers Baysdorfer and Wissen, and they certainly deserve great praise.

Our agreement with the local contractors expires April 1, and a new one will soon be presented to them. We will not ask for any radical change except in the scale, which we propose to raise from \$3.00 to \$4.00 for eight hours. We realize that this is a big advance, but if we can gain it we are willing to sign up for three years, and so avoid for a time this "spring fever" which has been attacking us each year.

This town is thoroughly well organized, especially in our line; we are affiliated with the Building Trades Council, one of our delegates being president of the same; and they have decided to give us their moral support. The members of No. 22 are a solid bunch, as was clearly demonstrated last spring, and I certainly believe we are more solid now than a year ago. We are also better fixed financially; and last, but not least, all the electrical contractors are now on the fair list.

So by all signs we ought to win out, even if it comes to a show-down. However, we all sincerely trust that a satisfactory agreement will be signed up before the 1st, and that a strike will not be necessary.

A strike should be resorted to only in the last extremity, and after all reasonable attempts for a just settlement have failed.

Now let all other brothers give us their moral support by staying from Omaha until further notice, and we will undoubtedly win out in good shape.

With best wishes to all brothers, I am

Fraternally yours,

H. P. KERR,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 23.

ST. PAUL, MINN., March 7, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We are very busy here now arranging things for the coming summer.

Our meetings are very well attended. I want to congratulate the members on the interest they are showing; still there are a few negligent ones, and how to get them to attend meetings more regular and show more interest in our organization in general has become a question of vital importance. I don't want to be accused of being egotistical when I say that I have solved the all-important question, for I believe that I have discovered the only effective remedy ever produced so far. My plan would be for each local to purchase about a gross of phonographs, and a few days prior to each meeting send them around to the houses of the stay-at-home members. They could have a few moments of earnest consultation with the machine and send it back. Now, under the head of new business, they could be uncorked. The result would be something phenomenal; we could have speeches with variations, and I predict that interest would be increased and our organization would be profited largely.

I am going to organize a baseball team here the coming summer. Smoky (Tim) Mullane, please take notice. I would like you to correspond with me, as I consider you, without exception, the greatest batter that ever existed, and want you on the team. I expect to have a first-class bunch of ball-tossers, and would like to arrange games with out-of-town teams. In my next letter I expect to be able to say something. I am,

Fraternally yours,

THOMAS W. BARTON,

Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 30.

CINCINNATI, O., March 7, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Everything right in the Paris of America since the Cincinnati Traction Company has taken charge of all the street car lines, some two years ago. The town has been on the boom. They are the people who came in and woke up Rip Van Cincy all right by spending thousands and thousands of dollars on new improvements of all kinds; and

the best of it is they have not half started to spend their money. In another twelve months Cincinnati will have the finest street-car service in the world.

We have sky scrapers and new buildings of all kinds and sizes going up all over the town.

The largest fire in the history of the city was on the night of February 26. At 1 a.m. the Pike Opera House burned to the ground, and carried nearly the whole block from Walnut to Vine on Fourth with it. The Bell Telephone Exchange was out of business for eight hours; thanks to the noble lineman it was not longer. Trouble men for the Edison Co. and Traction Co. were kept quite busy for a time. There were some narrow escapes, but no lives were lost.

This local is meeting with grand success. The brothers are all in good health, and work is about as plentiful as ever with the Edison Co. and the Traction Co.

Brothers of Local No. 30, I have good information from one who knows that the old cross lot traveler from Kentucky will wear a suit of solid rubber underwear at all future goat-riding exhibitions at the Cosmopolitan Hall. More power to you Toney, my boy.

I will close with my best regards and good wishes.

Yours most truly,

MARTIN SUMMERS,
Press Secretary.**Local Union No. 39.**

CLEVELAND, OHIO, March 9, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

At the present writing business is very fair in our locality, and we expect it to be much better in the near future, as a great deal of work is mapped out for the coming season. So we have nothing in particular to kick about, except the unusual amount of sickness that has befallen our members this winter. Brothers Dave Slattery, P. H. Ryan, P. Gallgaher, P. Kelly, Oscar Cook, "Cy" Hagle and Lewis Herman have recently been under the weather.

"Tis strange how some of our brothers, who should be active, soon drop out of sight until they are sick, dead or out of a job. This can not be said of those brothers I have thus mentioned, but it is impressed

on my mind by the death of our ex-Brother Christ Rakow, who was killed on the Big Consolidated by being thrown from a tower wagon by a runaway horse.

At our last meeting we had a very interesting lecture from Brother Landers, Grand Organizer of the Machinists. We will gladly welcome him at any time.

We have had a call from a great many tourists of late. For the information of the brothers I will name Christ Hadkin, Pat Carlin, Todd Webster, C. Hinshaw, Jas. Harrington, J. White, J. Abernathy, Joe Gaynor, J. McDonald, Al. Sterner, P. J. Schweighardt, Wm. Ralston, W. Dougherty, Asa Dodge, Kid Jefferis and A. J. Tooker. They were mostly en route for warmer weather and did not stay. There were two of these who came from Buffalo, whom the business agent sent to a job and, after many promises, failed to locate it. Next time they come to Cleveland these two should not be surprised at a frost. Such men's word is no good in any place. Remember, No. 39 is doing business now and don't care for persons; only principles.

It is too late now to say any more about our coming State convention. It will be held here on March 23 and 24. We expect a good attendance.

On account of the active business in sporting and wrestling tournaments Brother D. B. McIntyre regretfully resigned the honor as president of Local No. 39, vice-president Richard Murphy succeeding; Brother Fred Hall being elected vice-president.

With success to the I. B. E. W., I remain,

F. J. S.,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 42.

UTICA, N. Y., March 8, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Our new set of by-laws reached the brothers last meeting night, and were much approved by all present. The committee in charge, Walter Ingoldsby, John Mitchell, and John Dougherty, are to be congratulated for the interest and faithfulness in which they carried out their duties. Perhaps some of the brothers who don't appear at meetings very regularly had better look up the by-laws and avoid a fine.

The plant of the New Home will be in operation before the next meeting, and everything indicates that good service will result from the work that has been completed.

Work remains the same at present around here, but not any chance for any floating brothers. Will say adieu for March.

Fraternally yours,

L. A. PRYNE.

Local Union No. 45.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 9, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

The Frontier Tel. Company has about 300 men employed. They have plenty of work, but material appears to be the main issue at present.

Any brother coming this way with the goods can find bed and feed.

The outlook for work this coming spring is good, as the Harris Tel. Company and other companies are going to do some great things, so they say, in the near future. The price paid is \$2.50 and eight hours.

Brother J. McDonald and his minstrel show, J. Abernathy, as manager and end man, has left us to next show in Louisville. I think the number of their car was 4-11-44, L. S. and M. S.

We have Brothers J. Shane and A. Cox on the sick list, and we hope to see their speedy recovery.

The fixers make their head quarters at J. H. Baer's Transformer House, No. 574 Washington street. But before you enter you must put on your rubber gloves, as every evening there are some hot wires handled. Any brothers coming this way will find they will get good treatment at No. 574 Washington street.

Yours in I. B. E. W.

W. MISKINS,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 75.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Mar. 8, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Local No. 75 is in fine condition; have changed halls after missing at least three meetings at any decided place. Through misunderstanding about the new hall we were forced to hold meeting in almost every kind of a place, even to a small kindergarten, that was the limit; but the new hall is a daisy.

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Local No. 75 is at present trying to pass a license bill in the state, assisted by Local 231, which will be a great great help to it if passed.

Brothers Hicks and Doak have grown extremely tired of snow and cold, and are going to the land of the setting sun early this spring. Brother Nicols has quit the business to be a mason.

Work around these corners at present is slow. Being unable to write more, will close.

Yours fraternally,

ARCHIE.

Local Union No. 91.

EASTON, PA., March 7, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Probably some of the brothers of Local No. 91 will think they are not well represented in the Worker, as no letter appeared for the past two month. A letter for the month of January was sent from here in time, but failed to appear, for some reason, in the Worker. [Was received after the tenth of month.—Ed.]

Letter for the month of February was missed on account of the press secretary attending to a sick uncle and missed writing in time.

All brothers of No. 91 are working, and not one of them so far for the Bell Tel. Company. The difficulty, so far, is still unsettled, and all unions will please instruct their members that the Bell Company is on the unfair list in the jurisdiction of Local No. 91.

There appears to be a tie-up somewhere, and if the brothees will stay away from the Bell Tel. Company at Easton they, the company, will yet be more than fair in their treatment of the organization. Only this week their scab employees had a fight in Easton among themselves, and several of them were escorted by Easton policemen to police headquarters, and later some to jail.

The patrons of the Bell Company should insist on such tough employees being dispensed with, and decent Easton and vicinity linemen be given the preference when men are to be employed.

To all brothers of the I. B. E. W.: We

hope you are having work enough to do, so you need not come into ninety-one's district to work for an unfair company.

We are still progressing, as we occasionally get in a new member. We have so far this year taken in four new members--two inside and two outside men.

Unionism around Easton and in the vicinity is growing, and, at the present rate of growth, a few more years should see the union men in a position to secure their just reward for services rendered.

Hoping the I. B. E. W. will do much to harmonize all locals at the coming convention, and take up the matter of underpaid brothers in all sections of the country, I remain loyal as ever,

E. D. W.,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 104.

BOSTON, MASS., March 6, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

February 17 will go down in history as one of the gala nights of Local 104. On that date we had our third annual ball. It was one of the best that has been held by the linemen in this vicinity for several years. Owing to the very bad weather the attendance was not as large as it would have been under other conditions. But if the weather had been good I am afraid the committee would have had to hire another hall. As it was, the one that we had was none too large for the three hundred or more couples that attended. Every body enjoyed themselves. There was not a bit of trouble on the circuit; not a light flickered; no "opens," "grounds," or "short circuits," or any of the ailments of electricity to contend with, for the station was on her good behavior and was running smooth. Pardon me, but there did seem to be one piece of trouble, and that was the night was not long enough. We can not thank the ball committee too much for the efforts they made to make the ball a success. Brothers Duncan McDonald, chairman of the committee, and Hugh McInnis are hustlers, and they did noble work in the short time they had. The grand march was a great success. Floor Director Brother Bob Reid is in his wrong element when he is climbing poles;

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he ought to let himself as a leader of the gay whirl. His assistant, Brother Jack McInnis, was neck and neck with him under the wire. The judge claims the race a tie. The grand march was led by Duncan McDonald and Miss Sadie McIssac, A. F. Campbell and Miss Flora Walker, Daniel McDonald and Miss Maggie Campbell, Hector McDonald and Miss Florence Campbell, John A. Cameron and wife, and Alec McEachern and wife.

I had begun to think that most of our members when they were appointed on a committee would fall asleep and wake up when someone else had done the work for them. I find that I am mistaken in one committee, and that is our late ball committee. Through the hustling and hard work of Brother Hugh McInnis he had his accounts all squared up, all bills paid up, and a report ready the evening after the ball. The ball netted us a good sum for our sick benefit fund.

A few days ago I was talking with a business man on different topics, one being the labor movement. He stated that the laboring people were on top. I could not agree with him, not but what they ought to be, and would be if it was not for a few reasons. There is one great wrong committed among workingmen, and that is dissension in their own ranks. The trouble between the shoe makers in Lynn to-day is a disgrace to organized labor. One side in the controversy should give in for the benefit of the whole. It has taken the shoe trade, and all other trades, years to get organized labor in the good condition that it is today, and it seems too bad to have a certain element to disrupt it. I hope the time is coming when these things will not happen.

It is different in the town of Amesbury, which is a carriage manufacturing place a few miles from here. There has been a strike on there for about two months. The manufacturers said they would not unionize their shops. A town meeting was held there March 3. They elected union working men for all the officers and overthrew the monied clique. That is one place that has shown what can be done when the men that do the work stick together.

Most men in the labor world get a little more money now than they did five years

ago. So says the business man, which is probably true, but where our wages have increased 5 per cent our expenses have increased 30 per cent, so that we are really getting less.

I think the little shot I gave the members of 104 in last month's Worker must have awakened them out of a long dream, as at the last meeting the hall would hardly hold them.

If we are doing well locally, we would be more than pleased to give the glad hand to our New England organizer, our worthy grand treasurer, Brother Sheehan. What is the matter "Curley" that you don't drop in and see us once in a while? You will be more than welcome to come back to the old place again. There are quite a few here who would almost leave their home to see your smiling face once more. There is a lot of good work you can do in the metropolis of New England; you know the field and know what can be done here.

I will state for the benefit of those concerned that Local 104 comprises not only the city of Boston, with its 500,000 or 600,000 population, to work for, but we take in members within a radius of 15 or 20 miles, which will comprise a population of over 2,000,000.

Work at the present time is not very brisk, but there are no members out of work. From what information I can get there is going to be plenty of work when the season opens up. I will be better able to state condition next month.

We have three brothers on the sick list. Brother McIssac slipped on a pole and strained himself badly. He has been laid up six weeks.

Brother John McQuarrie, employed by the Beachmont Electric Light Co., fell from a pole and broke his arm. A cros-arm breaking caused the accident.

Here is a case of Brother Gilbert Dykeman that should have been reported nearly a year ago, but I guess the past press secretary must be a "Rip Van Winkle Junior," and he never woke up. On April 25, 1902, Brother Dykeman was employed by the Edison Light Co. He was working on a pole in East Boston, and receiving a shock he fell 30 feet and hit on the edge of the curbstone and pavement. His injuries con-

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sisted of a compound fracture of one leg, being broken in 25 places; blood vessel ruptured in other leg; right arm broken at elbow; eight teeth knocked out, and ribs broken. He is still breathing. He is not able to work yet.

Fraternally yours,

J. L. G.,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 113.

COLORADO SPRINGS, March 6, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

As to work, will ask floaters to keep off, as there are a half dozen men who are doing nothing now but rock the baby at home.

The prospects are bright enough to suggest that, perhaps, by the time this is published half of these men at least will be busy on the New Science hall.

The Elks' club house and the Acacia Hotel are at a standstill on account of the strike of the bricklayers.

The things I mention are those that wear a blue uniform or khi-khi, with a gun in one hand and a stick of candy in the other, commonly supposed to be made of tin, and five hundred of whom have been ordered here for the benefit of the laboring class by our sheriff.

When the union men elected him to office he did not promise such a display, so we are quite dazzled and surprised, and will show our appreciation of it by sending him down the pike when his term expires, if not before.

Our smoker—oh, I did not forget. Locals 233 and 113 gave a joint smoker and social last evening under the management of the following committee: Brothers Macy, Archer and Paschal, of 113, and Brothers Swisher, Krumpler and Smith, of 233.

Refreshments were served by Mr. Jean De Ment, with a corps of assistants, and to say we had a good time would be putting it mildly.

The exercises started with instrumental music by home talent, and was followed by Brother Archer with recitations.

The next in order were songs and music, which were followed by sleight-of-hand and dialogues of Messrs. Graham and Miller, and these were fine, being very puzzling and

highly amusing, Graham's tricks being very clever for an amateur.

Brothers Hall and Mitchell mixed it up a few with the gloves, and I would advise them the next time to bring a bellows.

Brothers Morse and Miller then got swelled up, and after Moore knocking a stove instead of a chip off of Miller's shoulder, went to it for three rounds, and the doctor says they will both be out next week, two o'clock.

Brother Archer was bound to sing that touching little melody, "Minne-ha-ha," and the same was received with applause, when Mr. Miller shook the kinks out of his legs with a little buck-and-wing dancing, and after a few more songs and speeches from volunteers among the brothers, we adjourned, feeling well pleased, indeed.

We extend our sympathy to Brother Macy, who left early on account of headache, and would advise in his case more sleep and less elbow exercise.

Yours fraternally,

UNCLE PEAVIN.

Local Union No. 121.

DENVER, COLO., March 5, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

No. 121 has woken up at last and we hope it will not go to sleep again, for it does not pay to sleep.

We have been taking in members right along. Last night we took in one new member and reinstated four, and have applications for eight more new ones, and fifteen that had fallen in arrears. We had to open the charter to get them, but we needed them in and had to do it. I don't think that they will stay away now, for every one has got their little bit to do, and if they do it there is no danger of their dropping back any more.

When a man comes this way now he must have a paid up card or else he may be obliged to keep on going, for we can't afford to have a man without a good card. If we let men without cards stop we will be the same as we were a few weeks ago. A man with a good card need not be afraid of going hungry if he has not got the means.

Brother C. J. Reading, the deputy organizer, has done a lot for us here, and we are

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glad of it, as we needed some one to rake us over the coals at times, and he is the one to do it.

By the time that this letter reaches you we will have a new local in Denver, perhaps two. It will be the trimmers, of which there are about twenty in all. Another may be the inside telephone fixers. They don't seem to want one at present, but before Brother C. J. Reading lets them alone he will have them started.

The Colorado Tel. Company will spend about \$1,000,000 in new work this year. The city fire and police alarm will spend about \$18,000 in new work this summer.

Local No. 121 will hold an entertainment in the near future in honor of the new members to show them that we can have a good social time, as well as local business.

I have done the best I can so will ring off.

Yours Fraternally,

ED. LENDHOLM.

Local Union No. 138.

FORT WAYNE, IND., Mar., 5, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Local 138 has added a few members in the last month—Brother Alva Snoberger and Oscar Trier, and two brothers who transferred from Huntington.

Work promises to be good here this year, and will probably open up before a great while, or as soon as the weather settles.

Local Union No. 138 has just got out a new set of by-laws, and the new officers state that there will be no more excuses accepted for violations of them in the future. So, brothers, take warning and either be good or pay your fines without kicking.

News is awful scarce, and as my time is a great deal scarcer, I will have to make a short letter of this. I will close by promising a longer letter next time.

Fraternally yours,

M. B. LORIMER,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 142.

WHEELING, W. VA., March 7, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Our ball, given on February 27, was a grand success. Nearly all the brothers were there and had a good time. Special men-

tion should be made of the untiring efforts of the ball committee. They have not made a full report up to this date, so I am unable to state exactly the amount of coin. Come up, brothers, and settle for your tickets, so the committee can make a full report.

Local 142 feels proud over the fact that Brother Lyons has been elected president of the Ohio Valley Trades Assembly, an office that represents thirty-five different trades. It is not a buildings trade council, but represents all classes of workingmen, and requires a level head and a man who thoroughly understands the labor question.

There are two locals of the I. B. E. W. represented from this city now, and there is every reason to believe the electrical workers will stand a good show in case of trouble.

Brothers, it would be well to read the letter from Local 180, of Vallejo, Cal., in the last Worker, bearing on the point of locals charging large examination and initiation fees.

C. A. P. voices my sentiments exactly, as he states the I. B. E. W. is more of an individualhood than a brotherhood, and also makes a good point in saying that there are members in small locals who learned the trade in just as big shops as one in large cities, and are just as good mechanics. Most of the brothers of this local look on this argument as one to be fought between inside men only, and that linemen have no interest in it. There is where you are wrong, brother. I think this is an important matter for all of us, regardless of what branch of the trade we are in. There are, as you know, a great many men who are proficient in two or more branches of the trade; a great many linemen are also first-class inside men, and why should he not have the privilege of doing either class of work, if he is a good union man, without paying a second initiation fee, so to speak? Is he to be barred from using his brains whenever he gets a chance? I have heard a great many linemen say that the inside men controlled the situation on that point and that it would do no good to try and change the system. That is where you are wrong again, brother. The electrical workers have organized as a whole, for the advancement of the trade in general, and no one class controls the Brotherhood, nor is it likely that they will,

providing we do business in a business way. So, brothers, look into this matter a little more, and see if it is not a good argument.

I would like also to call your attention to Brother A. H. Sellars' letter of Local 24, of Minneapolis. Brothers, he preaches the right kind of politics for the workingman, and I am glad that so many press secretaries are able to write on such subjects. Keep it up, Brother Sellars; agitate the rights of the workingmen. If we don't fight for ourselves we cannot get our share of that prosperity that we hear so much of that is sweeping over this broad land. Brother Sellars' idea of a complete list of statistics regarding the working conditions, rules, agreements and wages of other locals, is indeed a good one, and it certainly would be a great help to more than one local in adjusting any differences. There should be a list of such information filed with the grand secretary at Washington, open to all locals who desire to write for them. Brother Sherman, let us hear from you on this subject.

I would like also to ask the grand secretary to explain the item in his report, viz.: "Refunded by L. F. Spence, \$158.30."

Brother Secretary, I am not a kicker, nor do I want to be a watchdog of the treasury, but I would like some information as to how he received that amount of money and why he has not refunded it before? I understand L. F. Spence had taken a withdrawal card last August, and also resigned as sixth vice-president, and up to that time was a member of Local 98 of Philadelphia.

Our worthy president, Brother Smith, has recovered from his siege of sickness, and we are all glad to see him with us again. The rest of our sick brothers are on the road to recovery.

Brothers of 142, it seems that there is demand for electrical workers here, according to a newspaper clipping, which I inclose, hoping it will be printed. When the electrical firms import men from Germany and no work in sight for Americans, "why look a leedle out for meself." It follows:

"Mr. Adolph Mundheim, of Berlin, Germany, has been secured by a well known local electrical firm and came to Wheeling by the way of Buffalo the first part of the present

week. Mr. Mundheim is a graduate of a German university, situated at the German capital, and comes to Wheeling well qualified. He has been in this country only a short time."

Work here is pretty fair, all brothers working, but no room for any imported electricity.

Brothers, come up regularly to the meetings. There is something going to happen before long, so pay up your dues and get together, for I have reason to believe all the companies will try to import men here in a short time.

I will close, wishing luck to all locals.

Fraternally yours,

T. J. H.,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 150.

BAY CITY, MICH., Mar. 6, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We had a fine time at our smoker. Everything went off fine and everybody enjoyed themselves, at least they seemed to. I was sorry that I did not see more of the Saginaw boys down.

As you all know, we have opened our charter, and we are doing fine, at the last meeting we took in five applications. Now, boys, dig in and get these boys around town that could not come in before; we need them.

At the last meeting somebody brought up the subject of setting a wage scale. I think it is something that ought to have been done a long time ago, as one of the brothers said a man has to take what he can get, and that is not very much. Now, for instance, a man goes to work for a firm and he asks how much he is paying. The answer is, "How much do you want? I will pay you what you are worth." He says, "I want \$2.75 per day;" and the firm says, "How is this? here we have a firm over here and he pays his men from \$1.25 to \$2.00, and I am not going to pay any more than he does." Now, if we had a wage scale a man would not have this rag chewing to go through. The firm would know just how much to pay him. Now, brothers, think of this. We have always got what we asked for.

Our vice-president, Ch. Crampton, had a

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little hard luck. His baby boy died soon after it was born. We all feel sorry for him.

Work is about the same; not much doing now. As my news is all gone I will pull the switch. Good luck to you all.

Yours fraternally,

W.M. L. COMBS,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 194.

SHREVEPORT, La., March 5, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

This being my first letter to the Worker as press secretary I will endeavor to let the brothers know how things are in and around this vicinity.

We went out on a strike against all companies here for \$3 and nine hours, and we were out three weeks before any of the companies came across with the price. The street car company was first; the light company second, and new telephone company third. The Cumberland, or rather "Scaberland," Tel. Company is still on the unfair list and the prospects are anything but encouraging, as Mr. Leland Hume, assistant general manager, states, in a circular letter that was published in the Times, that \$2.50 per day of ten hours is the maximum scale paid by the Cumberland T. and T. Company to linemen, and as for them raising the rate here to \$3 and nine hours they will not do it, for they can get all the linemen they need for \$2.50 and ten hours, and advises any able-bodied citizen of Shreveport that now is their chance to better their condition by learning a trade that will pay them \$2.50 per day. He says it does not take any skill or experience to become a lineman. He offers to take men and in three weeks, under the tutorship of his expert and experienced scabby foreman, make good linemen of them and in three months they will be experts. I am not at all surprised at what Mr. Hume says, and in fact I am not surprised at anything the Cumberland T. and T. Company says or does, for if they ever did the square thing by their employees or the public I have my first time to hear of it; and as to their work, as a rule, it would make a good man daffy to see some of the stuff they are turning out now and the work they have done heretofore. Their cable has as much

slack in it as a country washerwoman's cloth line; their corners are all pulled out of line, and their leads—well, I won't say anythin' about them it would take up too much space to give the brothers a true statement of the condition they are in. From the looks of their construction here his three-week and three-month men have done the work, for I can not believe any good card man would stand for some of the jobs that are done here.

There are more scabs at work for the Cumberland T. and T. Company than I ever saw in a bunch before. It is a sight to see them out trying to do the work.

We have several non-union boys who came out with us and they are still sticking, and when they get to work they are going to ride the goat and become one of the 25,000 we are trying to have by the next convention.

Brothers, have you ever noticed the influence that the Bell Company has over some of the boys. You may take the majority of the old Bell boys, who have worked nearly altogether for them and they seem to think if they cut loose from the Bell they will have to quit the business, and rather than lose their little \$40 or \$50 jobs they will turn scabs and traitors to their fellow men, and the first chance the company gets they turn them down, for they know if he violates one duty and obligation he will another and when they need a man for a trusted position they do not look up the man that forgot all sense of manhood and honor and scabbed to give it to. They give the position to the man that can look his fellow workman and the world in the face and say, I have been loyal to my obligation and union and will serve you and your interest to the best of my ability.

The scab may hold the position for a little while, but it is only a question of time until he is out, for there are not enough good men scabbing to fill these positions laid down by a good brother, and the company knows it is to their interest to have competent men to do their work, and as soon as the job is put back on the fair list you begin to see the scabs drop out, one at a time, and a good card man take his place, until they are all gone.

Maybe some of the brothers want to know where these scabs go to. Well, they go to

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other places, where there is trouble on with different trades, and are shipped about from place to place until the company gets tired of them, and sometimes they send them out to these little jerkwater exchanges as managers and trouble men, at a salary of \$25 to \$40 per month, and he stays there until he becomes short with the company (which they most always do when they have the chance), and then the company sends them over the road for a few years, and that ends their career.

Brothers, I guess some of you want to know if there is anything doing here, as we have three companies on the fair list, at \$3 and nine hours. There is nothing doing, so cut Shreveport off of your map for the present, as it will be as much to your interest as ours, because I would hate for a brother to come through here and have to leave hungry. So far we have provided for all who floated in, though our treasury is on the bum, and has been so for some time. We only have four hikers drawing the 3 and 9 we have fought so hard for—one with the light and three with the street car company—so you see we can not get much of an assessment from them, as our Grand Secretary suggested to us, in reply to a letter asking for financial assistance from the Grand Officers.

The new company put on three of the boys Monday and then laid the whole bunch off indefinitely. Superintendent Ufer has gone to Cleveland, Ohio, and for what purpose we don't know. We have a contract signed up with him to do the work for \$3 and nine hours. But when are we going to get it is the question? There are fifteen or twenty of the boys holding on and standing their board off, waiting to go to work.

What few we have left are true blue and we are going to stay and see things straightened out if we have to sleep by camp fires and hit back doors to keep body and soul together. Boys, we have had a dirty deal all the way through this strike. One of our brothers was arrested on the night of February 13, charged with wire cutting, and on the following evening we were all ordered to leave town or our lives would be in our own hands. That order was issued by a league calling themselves a law and order league, which was composed principally of the companies

we were on strike against and other capitalist who hate labor organizations worse than the devil hates holy water. Some of the brotiers took the league at their word and left.

Brothers, I guess there are a great many of you that know Brother Jack Herkers, who is in jail here, and if any of you can do anything for him financially it will be greatly appreciated by him and Local Union No. 194.

I hope this letter will not be too late to be in this month's Worker, as I would like the brothers to know about Brother Herker's misfortune and see if they can not relieve the situation a little.

Hello, 192; what is the matter with you in the bluff city, that you don't have a letter in the Worker once and a awhile?

If Rox Morris sees this write me here, care of Glenn Hotel.

Fraternally yours,

A. M. GIBSON,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 203.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL., March 7, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Allow me to place before the brothers in general the condition of things in the Twin Cities, Champaign and Urbana.

There are four companies, two light and two telephone. The four are doing practically nothing, therefore have only a few monthly men at \$50, \$55, and \$60. At this writing there is no chance to start anything, as the brothers are leaving every time a blue bird opens its mouth, and only a small number of us are left. I think before May 1st nearly all the brothers of No. 203 will be in some port where the days are shorter and more money.

The monthly men, one and all, working for the Bell called on the manager, Mr. Hobbs, for a \$5.00 increase, April 1, or a new crew, all of which was done very pleasantly.

So far we have heard nothing from our little request, it may be that the Bell bunch will be depositing their cards in other locals. I think my card will reach 151 or 61, California. By the way, No. 203 is about to give another ball, just to place a few more cart wheels in the bank.

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Well, brothers, you can judge for yourselves about hitting Champaign.

I for one can vouch that Champaign is the rear end of America for linemen.

Yours fraternally,

R. A. SEXTON,
Financial Secretary.

Local Union No. 204.

SPRINGFIELD, O., March 8, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We have been having plenty of work the last month, as the recent sleet storm hit the telephone companies pretty hard in this section of the country, and it made plenty of work for the fixers.

I have heard some remarks about my last letter to the Worker in regard to outsiders going to work in this town. It did not read as I intended it should in regard to the Bell Co. hiring a couple of outsiders. I wish to state that these two men are not members of the Brotherhood, and never have been, and another thing these men came here and went to work for less money than the brothers had been getting here for the same work. I feel satisfied that after this explanation the brothers will understand it all right.

I hope by the time this letter appears in print the Home Tel. Co. will have started work here, as I think they will in the future.

Mr. S. F. Hunter, foreman for the C. U. Tel. Co. informs me that they are going to do some work here in the near future.

Brother Jerry Perry is with us again, after an absence of nearly a year. Here's hoping you remain a while, Brother Perry.

Wishing all sister locals success, I remain
Fraternally,

COPE,
Press Secretary

Local Union No. 205.

JACKSON, MICH., March 8, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

I will try to make my letter as brief as possible, as it is late now.

Since my last letter to your valuable journal there has not been much news.

The Citizen's Telephone Company is doing business and plenty of it. At present there are two drop wagons and two crews of heavy

artillery. The cable, which has been the drawback here for sometime, has arrived, and the way it is going up in the atmosphere would do you good to see. There are fifteen miles of fifty pair aerial cable to put up, along with 25,000 feet of 200, 300 and 400 pair of underground, so you can see that it is only the union company that is doing much.

The Citizens Company has an exchange of 1,700 subscribers, and is increasing at the rate of about fifty per week, while the Bell Company is losing ground fast, and I hope they will continue to until they settle the trouble with the electrical workers of No. 205 and recognize union help.

I wish to state to all brothers that the Bell Company is still on the unfair list in the city of Jackson. It is scab throughout, even to the cable men.

Lew Haliday is here on a visit. He is all right, and has the goods.

Yours fraternally,
BELLE PHONE.

Local Union No. 206.

HAMILTON, OHIO, March 7, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

No. 206 is still on earth, even if the Northern Construction Company has pulled out.

The new telephone plant is now completed and doing a record-breaking business; and they deserve it. They give the citizens good service, are accommodating in the operating room, and it is a strictly union job from start to finish.

Since our last letter the following brothers have taken out traveling cards: Owens, Skill, Burgoyne, Thomas, Mallory, Newman and Geibe.

Brother Sales write; would like to tell you how your good work here in organizing has panned out. Two new members were elected last meeting—J. Geppinger, with the Bell, and F. Michelor, of the M. & E. Company.

We have one brother, H. P. Ryan, sick at Mole Hill, W. Va., but according to reports is doing nicely.

No. 206 is always up to date and looking out to better the condition of the craft, so have joined hands with Cleveland, Ohio,

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and will send Delegate to the convention.

Fraternally yours,

KILLY WHAT.

Local Union No. 210.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 6, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Prospects are good, as two trolley companies are racing to see which will get their line across the meadows first. The steel is going down as fast as man can lay it, and the pole work will begin soon. The Bell Company is about to double its terminal facilities, I understand, and the opposition company is going to rebuild.

There is a lot of dissatisfaction among the Bell employees in this section of late. The company put the question of time and a-half for overtime and Sundays, and double time for holidays, and lose the holidays if you didn't work on straight time for overtime and Sundays, and get five holidays a year, to a vote of the men.

The vote resulted in the selection of the former. As a result, an order came out reducing the ten-hour day to nine hours. Now the men want the working day put back to ten hours, on a larger rate of pay per hour.

Traveling cards have been received from Brother Pearce and Brother Garrett Seamon, both from Local 21.

We have lost two good brothers lately—Brother H. N. Braun going to Philadelphia, and Brother Milton Brown to Camden.

Our new merry-go-round has arrived and all the brothers will be given free rides by courtesy of Brother Ancott.

The financial secretary of this local would like to hear from some of the floaters up in old Michigan.

Fraternally yours,

C. H. TOWNE,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 214.

OLEAN, N. Y., March 9, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

If local 214 wants me to represent them in the Worker with a letter I think some of them had better attend meetings or there will be no local to represent, as we can't keep our charter if we have no meetings.

The last meeting we had a committee was appointed to make out a wage scale, and about the first thing we heard from some of the members was this: "I refuse to sign anything that is going to interfere with my job." Now, brothers, would that encourage the rest of the members; and then not only that, but you never come to the meeting the next meeting night. Brothers, have just one grain of gumption about you, and come to the meetings; talk the thing over, and perhaps you won't lose your job as soon as you expect to, and I don't think the job at what it is now is worth crying about. Come up like men, like good union men. Now I am not going to write and tell the whole I. B. E. W. what wages you are getting, as I don't want them to think that we are working for our health or for charity. But I hope to write some day and tell them that we are getting union wages.

Fraternally yours,

E. R. Klamt,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 221.

BEAUMONT, TEXAS, March 7, 1902.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Local No. 221 is still here in Beaumont, and has not got lost in the mud of the Oil City.

Work is very slack, on account of the bad weather. It has rained here for the past four weeks. There will be lots of work in few weeks.

I would very much like to hear from George Proffat, ex-president of Local No. 29.

I will cut out.

Yours fraternally,
OSCAR ACKERMAN.

Local Union No. 225.

TOPEKA, KAN., March 5, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We are still having trouble with the Missouri & Kansas Telephone Co. and their rats. I think they are all non-union men except one that I know.

Things are pretty dull here at present, but most of the boys are working. Things look favorable for spring. If any of the boys come through and have the green we

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will see that they get a square meal or two under their belts.

We had an election of officers last month.
We cut in a few new lights every month.
Wishing all unions success, I remain,
Yours fraternally,

W. EDISON.

Local Union No. 233.

COLORADO SPRINGS, March 6, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

There is a big strike on here with the Mill Workers' Union in three big plants, and the sheriff got afraid of his job and called out the national guard. You ought to see what they look like.

The Mill Union strike took all the electrical workers out of their plants.

As for work in this town now it is no good at present, but hope it will pick up soon.

Locals No. 233 and No. 133 gave a smoker last night to show some of the boys that went out in the mill strike what the union men of Colorado Springs think of them, and all had a good time.

The committee from No. 113 were G. G. Macy, Charley Archer, H. T. Paschet, and from No. 233 S. C. Wisher, George Crumpley, James Fleming. All present thanked the committee for the good time they had.

Will Colorado Springs get in in time for the Journal this time?

Yours fraternally,

F. P. MANLEY,
Press Secretary pro tem.

Local Union No. 240.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 9, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

On the 23d ult. our entertainment and ball was undoubtedly a great success; added cash to our bank account, and also to our "nobles."

Glad to report that on account of a little difference of opinion, relating especially to treatment of some of the men received on New Year's Day, there was much dissatisfaction, and made it necessary to come to an understanding without delay. Committees were appointed and instructed. The result was we practically got what we requested, which proves that the Bell Co.

can be reasoned with if properly approached which must not be underestimated: Nine hours per day, fifty-four hours per week. Five holidays in the year, paid working or not; working, time and half. Three additional holidays; no work, no pay; working, time and half. Those on regular Sunday duty, straight time. We have got to go slow. "Be sure you're right and then go ahead." "Onward, onward, backward never; let this e'er our watchword be," etc.

I agree with the brother from Local No. 180, in one fee and universal traveling card; also to act as a whole. Local No. 287, No. 21 and No. 24 have really valuable matter in that every brother should read, mark and digest. In fact, the Worker is brimfull. I find I have nearly every page marked of the February issue.

I should have mentioned that No. 287 and No. 21 acted jointly with us in the request above mentioned, and I notice that No. 287's letter has considerable detail regarding it, which I understood was not to be published until after the first of March.

The solution of the social question lies in the social organization of trades. The co-operative system is strong enough to protect the rights of labor, endowing it with all those economic institutions for which mere individual initiative would be quite insufficient.

I can not put my thoughts in words this time; they seem to come to me in chunks. I hope to do better later on.

I will close with saying that the wage-earner can by combining get anything within reasonable bounds, but you must not become intoxicated with power and demand more than you would grant as an employer, for then you court destruction. "Keep cool and make haste slowly," and remember two wrongs do not make one right.

Fraternally yours,

H. D.

Local Union No. 250.

SAN JOSE, March 3, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We are going right along and have a good membership. All the boys, except two, are I. B. E. W. men, and good ones, and the rest will be in as soon as they can get the price.

The Light Company gave the boys, through a request, a raise to \$90 per month for journeymen, \$65 for apprentices, and \$105 for foremen, but don't come out and try to share it with them at present, for they are very quiet.

The 'Phone Company gave a raise on February 1, making \$2.75 to \$3.25 per day. So the boys are getting toward the \$3.50 they are looking for, and I think the 'Phone Company will give it before many months.

The new railroad company is to begin work soon putting up twelve miles of line, but don't know when they will string the wire.

At this time of the year there is not much in the line of work here, but may pick up soon.

Wishing success to all other locals, I remain

Yours fraternally,

W. BARSTOW,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 258.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 8, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Business 'in our line in Providence and vicinity is not rushing any too lively just at present, although I think that in a short time there will be lots of work here, as I understand the Traction Company intends to run a high tension circuit on all their suburban lines, and that will mean a lot of work for the wire tamers; but we can not complain, as about all the members have been working all winter.

The members of our local, as a rule are composed of a good lot of men, but I don't think they are active enough in the labor movement. They seem to stand back and wait for some one to begin everything. This is not the proper thing to do. If you wish to have a successful local it is the duty of every member to do a little of the work that comes at every meeting, and in so doing will ease up on the members that are willing. The members, or some of the members, seem to think that they do not have to attend meetings if they keep their dues paid, but as we have our new by-laws in force now I think some of those brothers will have to get busy and change their minds, all within a month. Any brother who does not attend one meeting each month

will be fined, and the fines are collected before dues are paid.

Now, let me give you a piece of advice. Don't put those by-laws in the deepest pocket in your clothes and leave them there until you get a new suit, but read them over every night for one week, and you will have them down pat, and perhaps you will not be obliged to pay fines.

It is amusing to read, from time to time, different articles that are published in the press throughout the country on capital and labor. Some coal king, railroad magnate, or some old sugar beet will try to make us think that the man who toils for his bread is ignorant and unthinking; in fact, we are lower, in their estimation that the mad dog. But how sad those poor coal kings must have felt a short time ago when they found one of those ignorant laboring men up against the smartest lawyer that money could produce. This was a duel of thought and words fought out to a conclusion at Scranton with Wayne MacVeagh on one side and John Mitchell on the other before the arbitration commission; and on the fourth day John Mitchell stood as firm as ever. He understands the condition of the mine workers, and that alone gave him an advantage over his learned opponent, and after the long contest Wayne MacVeagh paid this tribute of respect to John Mitchell: " You are the best witness for yourself that I ever confronted;" and so well he might.

It looks as though there would be something doing along the Wabash in the near future, and, if so, I hope some railroad man will prove himself just as able as John Mitchell. There is lots of talent among laboring men if it can only be drawn out.

Wishing you and all members success, I remain

Fraternally yours,

D. J. S..
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 263.

SHAMOKIN, PA., March 6, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Well, the time has made its appearance again, as the good old summer time will soon be doing, and as press secretary I will try and do my little turn toward the Worker

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and let the brothers know that 263 is still in line with the rest.

Work is not what you might say plentiful around here, but the home boys are all working. At our last meeting Brother Lindsay informed us that he intended to leave us, as he had something better in view. The boys were all sorry to see him go, for he was a bright light among us, and the brothers all wish him success on his travels. So, brothers, if he happens to steer your way don't forget to give him the glad hand, for he carries that little piece of necessary with him, and he is union every inch.

We are having rousing meetings. Our president, H. T. Morgan, was at home for a couple of days with the grip.

As news is scarce, I will have to close the circuit. Wishing you all continued prosperity, I remain,

Fraternally yours,
WILLIAM H. GREEN,
Press Secretary.

ices, wafers and coffee were served to more than two hundred guests, and punch occupied the attention of the dancers throughout the evening. Outside the building was brilliantly decorated with electric lights. Great credit is due the executive committee for the artistic manner in which everything was arranged.

Our worthy financial secretary, Brother Wolf, has tendered his resignation, and will leave in a short while for Chicago, to accept a position of foremanship for the Postal Telegraph Co. We all regret to have him leave, but our loss is some other local's gain.

Brother Keifer was a welcomed visitor at our last meeting. He has resigned his position as foreman of the Golden Rod Telephone Co. to accept a more lucrative position.

Fraternally yours,
JOHN CURRAN,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 265.

LINCOLN, NEBR., March 6, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

In our last letter I spoke of our coming ball, and, as we had predicted, it was a grand success. The grand march was led by our worthy president, M. T. Caster, followed by over two hundred couples. It was one of the most enjoyable affairs of the season, and for artistic splendor surpassed anything of its kind ever given in Lincoln. Lines of incandescent electric lights of all colors and shades, harmoniously arranged, were hung from three chandeliers to the walls, and presented the effect of a canopy of light from the floor below. At one end of the hall in front of the orchestra was a large transparent seal of our brotherhood, through which the light shone. On it were the words "International Brotherhood Electrical Workers" in a circle, and inside this "Local Union 265." In front of the orchestra palms and evergreens were arranged, with a pole equipped with cross-arms and insulators in center, which made a pleasant effect. In another room a two-course luncheon was served. The tables were decorated with pink and white carnations, tulips and yellow lilies. Chicken sandwiches,

Local Union No. 275.

MUSKEGON, MICH., March 7, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

There is not much doing here at present just work enough to keep the boys busy.

The Citizen's Tel. Co. have a lot of cable to string and lots of other work to do this summer. They expect to get started about the first of next month. It is doubtful when the Traction and Light Co. will start, although they have lots of work to do. Prospects look bright for this summer around here.

I will close, wishing the brothers all success.

I remain yours,
FRED CAVANAUGH,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 279.

CHICAGO, ILL., March 7, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

As the boys have been kicking a great deal about the press secretary not doing his duty, I will endeavor to have No. 279 represented every month, as the boys have fired the old secretary and elected me in his place. We want to let our sister locals know that the armature winders and repairmen's local is in

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existence, and expect to be for some time, and if there is ever anything doing in our line and they want good men let us know, as we can supply them, as there is nearly always some one looking for a change.

We are growing slowly, but surely, although as yet we have not succeeded in getting that angelic bunch to join us.

There will be plenty of work for the business agent when we get one, which doesn't seem so far away, as since taking in the dynamos and switch-board tender has so increased our membership and helped us financially, that we can put one in the field. The action of the local in taking in these workers has caused some of the boys to get sore and become quitters, but we hope they will see the error of their ways and become good fellows and come back; for, as our Grand President says, as soon as both sides get strongly enough organized we can cut loose from them with as strong a local as there is in Chicago, but just now their help will be a great benefit to us.

As this is about all of any importance just now I will close.

Fraternally yours,

S. A. HOHMAN,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 282.

CHICAGO, March 6, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Some people who are congratulating us for the victory we won in the stock yards in the raise of 15 per cent., think we did nobly. Undoubtedly it is a surprise to those who never asked for anything and did not have the nerve to do so, but in my estimation our wages should be almost double.

Provisions, coal, and almost every commodity the laboring man uses have almost doubled itself within the past seven years, and as the capitalists have doubled the price of everything, why don't they double the price of labor to enable the wage earner to pay a double price for what they consume, and enable him to keep up with the progress of time?

No laboring man should say he is satisfied with the pay he is getting. He should always ask, agitate, and demand more. The reason why? The greedy trusts are not satisfied. They want more—not millions, but

billions. Laboring men, should you be satisfied? Demand more; demand political control.

One of our members who works for the Nelson Morris Packing Company, a good man, who has been employed by that firm for years, got a raise from \$2.50 to \$2.75 one week previous to the wholesale raise demanded by our local. He was then entitled to a raise of 15 per cent. That would raise his pay to \$3.16 a day, but he did not get it. He gets \$2.87 1/2, 15 per cent. from \$2.50. He is still fighting them for his rights, but the company claims they are right. That shows the love capital has for labor and the justice they do unto the laboring man.

Yours fraternally,
J. DONOHUE,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 287.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 7, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

According to the programme, our smoker for March 4 was held and, say, talk about big crowds, we had more than twice as many as we expected, and not a vacant place anywhere in the hall. Take it all around, it was a pretty jolly lot of wire fixers that came around to see us, and it was the first chance the unions had to get together since coming to an understanding with the Bell Telephone Company. It was, therefore, a jollification all around.

For an eight-month's old youngster, we are a rather healthy infant, and that we are getting along so nicely is due to the fact that the boys take an interest in our meetings, and that all seem anxious to hustle things around, for we all know that membership in a local only increases as interest is shown by members, and as applications are only received through a member, why it must be up to us, you and I and the balance to make the local a success.

We have met the general manager of the Bell Telephone Company since our last letter, and I must say that he is one of the most gentlemanly officials I ever met, for he treated our committee as a gentleman only can, and showed the best kind of appreciation for the points brought up and discussed. We gained full recognition for the union,

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and every point asked for was considered by the company, and all satisfactorily arranged to both sides, the final outcome being a signed agreement, which, as the committee had full power to act, was accepted by the locals.

Any one outside of Philadelphia cannot appreciate what a big start this is for the betterment of union telephone men in this city, and now it is up to our own members to make good by putting forth their best efforts and proving to the company that union men can be depended on to stand by their guns and work for the good of both parties. We never can do our work too well, and I have heard our own men say right here in this town, "Oh, well, that's good enough." Now, brothers, there is where you make a mistake; it's never "good enough," but always "the best you can do" that you are to make your motto, for in my opinion a big result can be built on that foundation.

Employers are like merchants—in the market for their needs. One buys merchandise, the other purchases labor.

We go into this market to sell our labor, and naturally want to get the best price we can for it; and to get a reputation for fair dealing, we ought to be careful as to the class of labor offered for sale; consequently, when we have found a purchaser, be sure you are going to furnish him with the best there is to be had, and our union, by furnishing such workmen, will not have any need to fear the result.

We have lost several good members since last month. Our worthy president, J. F. Greaves, left for Los Angeles, Cal., Monday, and Brother E. J. Nourse also left in a hurry. Greaves is one of the best men in the business (cable splicing). So Local 61 use him well, as he was one of our charter members and is true blue; the same may be said of Brother Nourse. Good luck to you, boys, wherever you may be. But Bretske says he is lonesome.

Now, boys, I have noticed an inclination on the part of some of us to begin that old worn-out game of knocking again—"cut it out." We can't afford that dainty, and will thrive without it. Good, long, honest pulls are what this boat needs, for we are here to get the best conditions possible, and united effort is what will bring them. So altogether, and we are sure winners.

Work is not very plentiful here just at present, but a good man can always get a job. We look for more of it in the near future.

Wishing all brothers success, I remain
Fraternally yours;

Two-EIGHTY-SEVEN.

Local Union No. 288.

WATERLOO, IOWA, March 4, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Things are pretty dull here now, and a good many of the boys out of work. We were in hope that the Cedar Valley would change hands the first of the month, but there seems to be some trouble there. The new company was to have taken charge on the twentieth of last month, but it is not settled yet.

We had two visiting brothers with us last meeting night—Brother Curtis, of No. 235, who deposited his card with us, and Brother W. H. Marlett, of No. 48.

Brother Fred Fisher is getting along very nice.

Brother James Herkes would like to hear from his brother, on important business. Address general delivery, Waterloo, Iowa.

A certain brother seems to be very much disappointed at the way things are going now. Brothers, attend our meetings and register your kick there; don't let two or three do all the work and then go around on the street corners crying about what they ought to do. You have got a voice there just as well as any one.

Regards to all brothers, and the Brotherhood in general.

Respectfully yours,

H. SMITH,
Press Secretary.**Local Union No. 294.**

MUNCIE, IND., March, 8, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

We have placed the C. U. Tel. Co. on the unfair list and called all our men out, and the non-union men walked out with them.

Local 294 presented them with a wage scale, and they have as yet refused to sign.

First they did not want the wire chief to be a union man; or he could be a union man without a vote or voice in the union, and that he, Mr. Cline, would fill all places

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in exchanges for the C. U. Tel. Co. with non-union wire chiefs.

Mr. Cline states that we did not treat him fair by calling out the wire chief before he could fill his place with a non-union man.

The fact that he did not want the wire chief to be a union man is very clear to us. He wishes to take care that in the future when a strike is called that he can take care of the trouble department; and second, that he would give his chief repair man the raise asked, and as the C. U. has no day men here he would not promise to pay the scale, and he would not pay the non-union men the scale, but would raise their wages \$5 on the month; nor would he pay the scale to the foreman.

We have canvassed the town and have succeeded in having very nearly every 'phone ordered out if this strike is not settled at once.

I think Mr. Robert Cline has changed his ideas. He seems to have those changes every ten minutes, for he has asked to have an interview with the grievance committee tomorrow at 9 a. m., and we hope for a speedy settlement.

Fraternally yours,
ARK. BILL,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 299.

CAMDEN, N. J., March 8, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

As this is my first attempt at press secretary's work, I will be a little awkward at first.

We are getting along very nicely at present, and have elected a good set of officers for the ensuing term.

We have made a demand for \$3 a day, with prospects of being successful.

We now have 85 members in good standing and are adding one or two every meeting night.

Hello, W. P. Callister; send to financial secretary of 299 and get your due card that was lost.

The boys are talking of giving a ball in a month or two. No. 299 has some pretty good steppers, and we hope that the event will be pushed along.

Press Secretary,

Local Union No. 302.

PEORIA, ILL., March 7, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Well, another month has passed away, and things in No. 302 are settling down again to their normal conditions. Only nine more days until our eight-hour agreement with the contractors goes into effect. In addition to the eight hours, we are also to get an increase in wages, which will raise the minimum scale to \$2.50 for eight hours. Considering the length of time we have been organized (7 months), we are doing exceedingly well, as our agreement virtually calls for an increase of 40 per cent in wages.

The local carpenters' union seem to be very good mixers in political squabbles, and a committee representing their union called on us at our regular meeting of last Tuesday for the purpose of drawing us into their troubles. It seems that their grievance is more with the ice-handlers union than with the ice dealer whom they are endeavoring to defeat in his race for the mayoralty. The ice-handlers union, which represents the other side of the controversy, also had a committee present at that meeting. After hearing both sides of the story, we decided to let the whole matter drop without action of any kind. We want no politics in ours.

Work here for the past month has been very dull, and quite a number of brothers are temporarily out of employment.

No one of our local has received any news of brother Fay since he left here some months ago, and the boys are wondering whether he is working or not. Let's hear from you, Jim!

A "Citizens' Alliance" is one of the most recently organized associations we have in this city. Its ostensible object is to help the working people, but when it is stated that its membership is composed mostly of business men whose names appear on the unfair list of some union, it will readily be seen why they are so anxious to help the working people. Its real object, as everyone in Peoria knows, is to down all organized labor.

We are anxiously awaiting the result of the vote on changing the convention city. For the good of the Brotherhood I hope the

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convention will be held at Salt Lake City, for unionism is just in its incipiency in the West, and a convention like that of the I. B. E. W. would have a beneficial effect on unionism in the West.

Fraternally yours,

JNO. B.

Local Union No. 308.

BEAUMONT, TEX., March 5, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

At this time of the year, between seasons, there is not very much doing around the oil city. Perhaps, when you know that it rained nineteen days out of the twenty-eight here last month, you could not wonder at there not being much building going on; and the streets and the sidewalk, oh! they can't be beat.

The outlook for spring and summer will be bright and hot, and things will commence to hum.

I took a run down to Galveston the latter part of February and saw some of the boys of 124. They say they have a bright future before them, but it is not a union town yet.

I see quite a lot of discussion about our Salt Lake-Indianapolis trouble. I think we should hold the convention at the Mormon city. That is the sentiment of 308, and I hope it will result in meeting there.

Since we have a trifle over three hundred and fifty locals now, would it not be a good idea for the press secretary of each and every one of them to write a letter each month? Should a few secretaries do all the writing, like a few men in the unions do all the work? We all reap the benefit and should strive to do our duty.

Everybody around Beaumont has the suburban electric railway craze. There are about three different companies going to build lines here, and there and everywhere, but I think it is only hot air, and there is lots of that in Beaumont.

I also hear that a new light plant is to be built here, but don't count your chickens before they are hatched.

We gave a smoker last Saturday night complimentary to our new members, five in number, and the visiting members of 221. All the boys enjoyed themselves and wished there would be initiations every meeting night, if there was a smoker.

In conclusion, I will mention that my address is Box 636. Perhaps the secretaries of Nos. 60 and 124 don't know this, because I never got a reply; but, brothers, better late than never.

With this I will ring off.

J. S. GIBBS,
Recording and Press Secetary.

Local Union No. 309.

E. ST. LOUIS, ILL., March 9, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

The situation in this jurisdiction has not materially changed.

The usual amount of work is being done by the different companies, and the usual number of men are doing it.

We have lost five of our members during the past month, by removal from the city, all with the little green card—Brothers Harry Hallam, Wm. Carry, Geo. A. Kelley (with his winged spurs), Jerry O'Rourke, and our former capable financial secretary, "Gene" Chamberlain, all good members and good workers. We will miss them but will not worry for they will land right side up with (out) care.

We recommend them to our sister locals, and if they land where there is none, there will be an application to the Grand Lodge for one, for none of them can exist without a "home." We also miss Brother Spoke Van Ginkel, who is at the hospital suffering from an attack of pneumonia, but, who the physicians say, will be out soon as well as ever. Otherwise our ranks remain unbroken.

We have been expecting and hoping for a visit from our Grand Vice-President Lockman, and feel slighted that he has not put in an appearance, but hope soon that we will have him with us, and hear his ideas as how to make the I. B. E. W. strong and take its rightful place at the head of the world's labor organizations. We meet Tuesday evenings, and are always glad to meet any and all visiting brothers.

C. ARNOLD,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 311.

BELoit, WIS., March 2, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

As local No. 311 is to be represented for the first time in these columns by this letter,

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written by one who now wields his pen for the first time in the capacity of press secretary, I beg patience on your part. But the boys says it must be done, so here goes.

Local No. 311 was organized by Mr. Hogan. The first meeting was held September 11, 1902. Officers were elected, and about fourteen members were enrolled. Business then took its usual course.

Beloit is decidedly a union town, hence there is a B. T. C. here. With this we have become affiliated.

Applications for membership came in rapidly, and the roll, at one time, carried about forty names. In fact, we had nearly all the members of our trade in this vicinity. Men of our craft do not remain in a city like this for a long period, hence we experienced the usual reaction. A special meeting and American laborer's principles overcame this temporary set back, and we want every mother's son of you to know that we are now fighting the good fight with tireless energy. Also, in the near future, the only passport to electrical work in this field will be a paid-up card, and no notes of promise will harmonize with our music.

We have just received permission to open our charter for the month of March. Now, all ye who were not able to pay the regular fee, and who are competent, side-step quickly into our local, for your excuses in the future will be in vain.

By the way, we have just installed the billy goat.

Well, as this is begining to buzz like the Beloit city arc lamp I'll cut out out here.

Fraternally yours,
GEORGE WHITTY.
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 314.

TYLER, TEX., March 7, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

There is not much doing here now. The Home Telephone Company is building some twenty miles of toll line, but have all the men they need.

I will correct a mistake I made in my last letter. I said E. H. Johnston deposited with 69, Dallas; he deposited with 188, Dallas, Tex.

If Mr. J. S. Winfield should happen to read my letter he will find L. M. Loring in

Marlin, Tex., manager for the S. W. T. & T. Co. I have been working for him about two months. U. H. Loring and myself will likely head that way this summer.

Business is dull here now, and we have several idle men.

No. 314 is having good meetings. I will pull the switch and put this letter out this time.

(Fraternally yours,
J. W. FAIN,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 325.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., March 8, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Since my letter to the January Worker there has been practically no change in the labor situation in "Bingo," but the floaters' fraternity respond to the call in goodly numbers, and I am pleased to note so many of them landing on the job.

The recent arrivals are Geo. McFarlin, H. Beckhoff, M. Fury, Shorty Dillert, J. Harrington, C. Henshaw, Bill Fleming and J. Currely.

There were a few of the bogus type of fixers who made a play for a good thing in this town, but were side-tracked on the job, and were necessarily obliged to look elsewhere for doings.

A word to the brothers at home. It is noticeable at recent meetings that a great many of you who belong here do not attend. What is the reason? Do you expect your officers to do all the work and you stay outside and criticise? Don't you suppose your presence is needed at the hall? Of course, some of you who do not attend seem to be getting news of all that transpires at the meetings, for there is someone telling tales out of school, and it won't be well for the person found guilty. If you want to know anything that is going on, come up when business is in session, and keep your mouth shut when you go out; that is what you obligate yourself to do. It is only a few months since this was a very enthusiastic body of men. Why relax interest now, when you should be lending a hand to thoroughly complete the organization? There is plenty of good material, and no excuse should be accepted. Those of you who are guilty try and make amends, for

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you are never too old to learn something. Trusting better attendance and keener interest, I will close, wishing success to all brothers.

Fraternally yours,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 326.

CONNELLSVILLE, PA., Mar. 5, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

No. 326 is still alive and not sleeping, as Local No. 161, of Uniontown, would intimate. I am sorry that we did not get a letter in the February Worker, but owing to my being absent from town, it was neglected. But we will try and not let it occur again, as we have a good local here, and will do our best to hold up its standard. I wish to state that Local No. 326 has carefully considered the convention proposition, and decide that it would be a gross piece of imposition to change at the last date, and have therefore voted unanimous in favor of Salt Lake City.

We expect to have plenty of work here in a short time, as the Bell people intend to put on a large force of men in about six weeks, as also do the State people, as they intend to rebuild their entire system, and expect to put on a large force of men the first of the month; so, brothers, if any of you drop around this way looking for a job be sure that you have a paid up card in your pocket, as that is the only thing that will allow you to stop off here, and punch holes in the chestnut and cedar trees in this burg, that have plenty of knots but no branches on them. I understand also that the street car company intend to increase their force as soon as the weather will permit, so as to push their work rapidly as possible. We were sorry to lose Brother Oscar Barton from 326, but will say to No. 27, of Baltimore, to take good care of him, as he is a whole-souled fellow, and union to the core. Local No. 326 has a member who claims to hold the championship for hole boring with an angle brace in Western Pennsylvania. His name is Charles Kearns, better known as Petie or Cheerie Kearns. He is employed by the Howard Electric Co. here, and a few days ago, on a wager, he bored 319 holes in one hour, and 13 of the joints were double, and green at that. Now, if there are any of the inside wiremen who want to test this, just send on your challenge.

Our worthy treasurer is putting up a forty-room hotel here, with a restaurant attached, which he expects to be ready to open about May 1, 1903, when he will be glad to meet all members of the I. B. E. W. who drop around this way, and we can assure them of a good meal, as Brother Howard is noted as a first-class cook, and 326 wishes him success in his new enterprise.

Before I ring off I wish to state that 326 is in a flourishing condition, and that we are always willing to give the glad hand to a new light when he breaks in on our circuit, provided he carries the green, but should he not have it he will have to give this town the go-by.

So wishing all brothers success I will throw the switch for this time.

Fraternally yours,
GEO. S. McCAY,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 335.

SPRINGFIELD, MO., March 9, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Local Union 335 is still on top, although we have a fight on our hands. The boys are still out with the Bell Telephone Company.

The Bell has four scabs working for them now, but they will quit in a day or two. They keep three gangs all the time, one coming, one riding around town, and one going.

Work is scarce here at present, but will pick up in the spring.

The A. F. of L. has placed the Bell on the unfair list, and they are losing 'phones all the time.

As it is getting pretty late, I will close. Wishing all a good and prosperous time, I am, as ever,

Frafernally yours,
E. D. CROFT,
Press Secretary.

Local Union No. 343.

NORWICH, CONN., March 9, 1903.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

The past two or three months were, of course, the dull season for both inside and outside men, so we have not much to say about work. However, the Postal has installed and put in service over a half a mile of underground, which does away with all

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overhead wires through the principal streets.

I have taken considerable interest in the Westerly Automatic Telephone, of Westerly, R. I., installing both inside and outside. This job was started last summer by Mr. Bowen, of No. 99, and the work was of the finest, and early in the fall they had some fifty instruments working and giving satisfaction, but just here the management began to save, and now they have a plumber in charge of the outside work and only one climber that can really climb a pole, together with several "butchers." The result is all that any one could ask for, poles are not half set, cables poorly hung (the construction is practically all lead cables), boxes and cables cross connected, and the system instead of being automatic requires an attendant for nearly every connection. Good men are not wanted on the job and no one need expect to draw a day's pay for work done in one day of even ten hours.

In the past month we have become affiliated with and appointed delegates to the building trades' council, and have taken in about ten new members, so that we feel very much alive, but that's another story.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

Local Union No. 359.

IRON MOUNTAIN, MICH. March 5, 1903.
EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

Local Union No. 359 was organized at Iron Mountain, Mich, on March 1 last, with membership of thirty.

This has been badly needed for a long time in this part of the country, and will be a great benefit, not only to the members, but to the public in general. In this way it will set the people thinking, and in these days when the competent electrical worker is absolutely necessary, what is more natural than to seek him in the ranks of organized labor? This gives the public the assurance that their man is reliable, and that he must be so.

The member of the union is jealous of its good name, and will be careful not to do anything to tarnish it, knowing that he will be held to strict account.

To Brother Con Carlson, who was chosen president, the credit of organizing this union is largely due. He has worked faithfully, and we feel justly proud of him.

Brother Edward A. Golden of Marinette, Wis., was the organizer, and a better selection could not have been made. He very soon demonstrated that he was not only an organizer, but an all around up-to-date electrician, and his work at Marinette shows it. In the course of his remarks Brother Golden paid a glowing tribute to organized labor in general, and to electrical workers in particular. I am afraid he made it a little too strong, for Brother Crowell thinks it was all meant for him. At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was tendered Brother Golden.

Brother Hull, of Norway, was elected one of the trustees. Now, he thinks he is "de Hull ting." If he was in the navy he would want to be the Hull inspector.

Brother Scott made a talk (part Injun), and some of the brothers think it was good because it was loud. Charley is all right in building lines, but there must be a short circuit in his joke machine, for he tried a couple, but it was like putting 110-2 on 50-2 circuit.

I have borne a great deal in my fifteen years up here, but I was tempted to quit when Brother Londan came along and gave his age as thirty-two.

Let me say a word to my brothers all over the country.

While we are striving to enroll all the electrical workers throughout this country let us not forget our brothers who are working along the same lines in other walks of life. See that your clothes are union made; your hat correct and having the union stamp, and your cigar will taste sweeter if you know it is union made. In fact, make it a point to deal exclusively with union men and women. By doing this and keep doing it, you will set your storekeeper thinking, and when he finds out why you don't buy of him he will be glad to come around.

Remember, you may have to pay more for your union goods, because your union man must receive good wages in order that he live as an American citizen should live, and the ideal American citizen is found in the front rank of union labor. My brothers, work so that our entire organization will be in that rank.

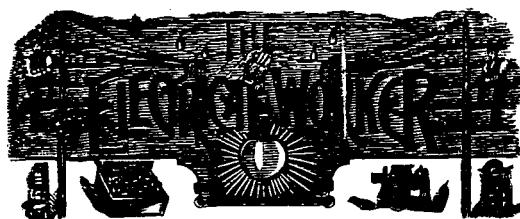
I had better pull the switch, or Scott will claim that my machine ran away with me.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN F. FITZPATRICK,

Press Secretary.

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A VISIONARY THEORIST.

President Charles Eliot, of Harvard, in an address to-day, said: "I believe that long hours and hard work are best for every man. Work is the foundation for civilization and work makes nations as it does individuals. No man can work too hard or too many hours if his health will permit."

The above, clipped from one of our daily exchanges, is some more of this learned president's rot. We are very sorry this distinguished gentleman should choose a sub-

ject he knows nothing of—hard work. It is more than likely he was very much fatigued after delivering this tirade against trade unionism; but we venture to say that the above will not be endorsed by even one of the modern heroes he referred to some years ago. The heroes the learned gentleman referred to do not like to work at all, and that is the reason they apply for work during a strike, when they know the employers do not expect them to do a day's work, but are there to make the strikers think there is something doing.

We dare take issue with this gentleman. A man can work too many hours, and this is why organized labor wants men to work but eight hours a day. It is all very well for a well paid president of a college, who is a stranger to work, to tell us work is the foundation of civilization; but too many hours of work does not have a tendency to lead us to a higher plane of manhood or womanhood. There are many who have not had the chances the learned gentleman has to procure an education, and would like a few hours out of the twenty-four to learn something. This gentleman is well read, but there is one grand lesson he has failed to learn—the lesson of humanity—to put the man before the dollar. No man who loves his fellows would want to class them lower than animals. A horse cannot be driven long hours without showing the effects, and if this is true, how can human beings stand long hours of labor? We suppose if the distinguished gentleman had his way no price would be too low for the long hours of work. In his lecture, he said a certain labor leader had wished him every hardship. We do not. All we want is for him to use some of his spare time studying the labor problem of to-day, and, if he does, we dare say he will favor the eight-hour day. The argument against long hours is, that it not only breaks down the health, but it don't give the other fellow a show. Workingmen of to-day do not care for themselves alone since they have become organized. They are broader-minded and want all to get enough of this world's goods to live as Americans should live, and this can be done only by short hours and good wages. Of course the learned gentleman will find many who applaud him when he makes remarks of this

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kind, but they belong to that class known as the upper ten, who think one dollar a day is enough for the lower five, and would like some smart professor invite them into a hall some noon hour (on their own time) and tell them how to live on it. No good citizen, no matter what he thinks of organized labor, will agree with the gentleman that long hours are good for us. The Chinese work long hours in their laundries. Do the long hours of labor make them better citizens than those who work but eight? We rather think not. The gentleman should know that a man's health will soon give way under the strain of long hours, and that is perhaps the reason he qualified his remark with "if his health will permit." The dear president of Harvard is living in the wrong age. He should have been on earth one hundred years ago; then, perhaps, the large mass of people would have agreed with him. But in this progressive age, when men do more in eight hours than they did in twenty, no one takes any stock in talk of this kind. Many of us don't know as much as the illustrious gentleman, but we do know that a man can work too many hours.

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368, New York, N. Y.

STRIKES.

We anticipate many strikes all over the country this spring and summer, and wish to again advise the members not to act hastily, but follow the constitution. It will save lots of trouble and fault-finding.

OUR NEXT CONVENTION.

On this page will be found the result of vote taken to change the place for holding our next convention. It will be seen that Salt Lake City is again chosen, the members not desiring a change. We sincerely hope each local of this Brotherhood will be represented at the next convention. It is not chasing rainbows to predict a membership of 30,000 by September next. With this membership we should have at least 250 delegates. No local is so poor but what it can be represented. If there is not enough money in the treasury, and your local is small, club in with some other small local and help defray the expenses of a delegate.

RESULT OF VOTE.

Following is the vote for and against changing the place for the next convention:

For.—7, 10, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 56, 64, 81, 83, 96, 97, 127, 132, 137, 147, 153, 161, 186, 204, 214, 237, 245, 252, 258, 264, 274, 279, 289, 311, 318, 327.—Total, 33.

Against.—1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 38, 39 40, 42, 49, 50, 54, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 72, 73, 77, 78, 80, 85, 86, 87, 90, 91, 92, 98, 99, 103, 104, 108, 109, 112, 113, 114, 116, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 133, 134, 135, 138, 140, 142, 143, 144, 146, 148, 149, 151, 152, 154, 155, 156, 181, 184, 188, 189, 191, 192, 193, 196, 197, 199, 205, 206, 207, 208, 213, 218, 220, 221, 222, 226, 227, 229, 230, 231, 233, 235, 236, 238, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 251, 253, 254, 256, 257, 259, 263, 265, 267, 272, 275, 278, 281, 283, 284, 287, 288, 292, 298, 299, 300, 302, 305, 307, 308, 309, 310, 313, 314, 316, 317, 321, 323, 326, 329, 331, 335, 336, 338, 340, 342, 353.—Total, 164.

Two votes without seal were rejected.

NOTICE.

Will the parties who left Bloomington, Ill., owing board and room rent, please communicate with the parties owed and save further exposure. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Respectfully yours,
E. L. WESTBROOK,
Press Secretary, Local 197.
Bloomington, Ill., March 1, 1903.

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Grand Secretary's Report for February.

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						Wm. Baumgarten, buttons	32 40
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Fraternally submitted,
H. W. SHERMAN,

Grand Secretary.

*Battle Creek, Mich.
† Jackson, Miss.

Grand Treasurer's Report for February.

EXPENSES.

F. J. Sheehan, general expenses.....	\$200 00
J. F. Buckley, general expenses.....	100 00
F. J. McNulty, general expenses.....	150 00
C. A. Eaton, general expenses	140 80
W. A. Jackson, general expenses	85 95
H. W. Sherman, expenses to Newark, N. J.....	11 00
Death claim, No. 249, David Flynn.....	100 00
Death claim, No. 250, H. A. Purseglove.....	100 00
Death claim, No. 251, John Conley.....	100 00
Death claim, No. 252, Robert Wickham.....	100 00
Death claim, No. 253, Owen Moran.....	100 00
Death claim, No. 254, T. Swartz.....	100 00
W. E Kennedy, general org. expenses.	150 00
H. J. Hurd, organizing 358, Toronto, Ont	24 63
James J. Hawk, organizing 346, Fort Smith, Ark.....	15 00
W. Perry, organizing in Texas.....	100 00
Edw. A. Golden, organizing 359, Iron Mountain, Mich.....	15 00
J. Jarman, organizing 277, Kingston, N. Y.....	13 00
T. H. Thompson, organizing 362, Kankakee, Ill.....	10 00

FROM GRAND TREASURER SHEEHAN.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

The strike of the conductors and motor-men who were employed by the Conn. Railway and Lighting Co., at Waterbury, has extended itself to the linemen and light trimmers and inspectors who are employed by the company. Since Friday, February 10, the linemen have been out, their grievance being occasioned by the company sending a non-union man from their station at Bridgeport to act in the capacity of foreman. Immediately afterward the linemen quit the trimmers, who had a grievance, also quit in sympathy.

There never has been a strike in the State of Connecticut which has caused so much agitation on the part of labor. All labor unions feel it a duty to do what they can for the success of the striking employees. The corporation has shown a disposition throughout to defeat the union. They have

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refused to recognize committees of labor or even of business men. Their one aim seems to be to defeat labor at any cost. After they commenced running their cars with non-union men rioting occurred. The State militia was called on. After an expense to the State of \$15,000, and having nothing to do but enjoy themselves, they were dismissed. The cars were run under a guard for some time, and are still run under a guard of deputies; the deputies certainly have a cinch. Since the trimmers quit work it takes two deputies, the superintendent, and a team to trim the lamps, a cost of about \$20 a day for each team. There are three teams doing duty with sheriffs and a non-union trimmer and officials of the company on each—a cost of probably \$60 or \$70 a day, and half of the lights do not burn at that.

There have been several acts of violence registered within the past two weeks. Last night, March 8, masked men entered a car about two miles outside the Centre. One man lost his life, a supernumerary policeman; the motorman and conductor got off with a severe beating. The first non-union trimmer brought in returned to Brooklyn after learning there was a strike on. The next that came were given a beating by the strike sympathizers, and have not worked since. There are a number of non-union linemen and trimmers doing duty now. They are quartered with the non-union conductors and motormen at the car barns.

The people in general refuse to ride on the cars. Boarding-houses refuse to cater to the non-union men, and landlords refuse them rents. The company is paying them \$2.50 a day and board.

The lineman up to the time that the non-union man was sent to take charge were willing to work with a non-union foreman who has regularly been in the employ of the company. They refused some time previous, however, to do any kind of work on the trolley lines until the strike of the conductors and motormen was settled. The man sent from Bridgeport to take charge of the men was presumably sent to stir up a little trouble, and he did it, all right. The superintendent told the men if they did not want to work with a foreman they wished to place over them they could call at the office and receive their back pay in full.

The trimmers were admitted to the local after going out in sympathy with the linemen. There are eight linemen and eight trimmers out now. There has been some talk of calling out the entire force of union men employed by the company, which will probably be done if some settlement is not made in the near future.

The company operates railway and lighting plants in four or five cities of the State.

I will not tax your capacity, Mr. Editor; suffice it to say, the plans I had made to work in other sections had to be abandoned, as it is important for me to be on the ground to direct matters in the Waterbury strike.

I have been around quite a little since my last letter, and reports favor things coming our way. Wishing all members success, I remain

Yours fraternally,

F. J. SHEEHAN.

New Britain, Conn., March 9, 1903.

I FROM FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

When I wrote my last letter I was at Dallas, Texas, helping Local No. 188 and the Building Trades Council fight the contractors. This seems to be a fight to the finish, but at that the Building Trades Council will win. Local No. 188 has not lost a man up to date, and the boys are all living. The Grand President ordered me to St. Louis as soon as I could leave there, as there was trouble at the fair. The linemen are having trouble, and no outside work is being done there. I hope it will soon be all O. K. The other locals here are doing all right, and getting along nicely.

St. Louis now has six locals, the last one being the crane men, who organized March 8, 1903. I think a shop men's local will be the next. I advise all men not to come here until May at least, and it would be better not to come until you see something in the Worker.

Little Rock, Shreveport, and St. Louis linemen are in trouble, so do not go to these places for work.

Wishing the Brotherhood success I remain

Yours fraternally,

F. E. LOCKMAN,

St. Louis, March 8, 1903.

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REPORT OF SIXTH VICE-PRESIDENT.

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

As my letter for last month's Worker arrived at the general office too late for publication, I will try and condense my report for January and February so as not to take up too much space in your valuable journal.

I was in Philadelphia several times in regard to the trouble there, and I am glad to say the end is in sight. It will be well to keep your eye on No. 98 when the trouble is settled, for she is bound to take her proper position among the inside locals, and that place is near the top.

The gallant fight No. 98 has put up in that struggle demonstrates to organized labor in general that there is at least one organization in Philadelphia that is made up of the right kind of material.

I went to Harrisburg, Pa., twice and met the general manager of the Pennsylvania Telephone Company in the interest of Local No. 91, of Easton, Pa.

I am not at liberty to state at present the outcome of my visits there, but will do so in the near future.

I went to Pittston, Pa., on information furnished by Brother Lynch, of Local No. 163, of Wilkesbarre, and found Organizer Duke of the A. F. of L. at work on the electrical workers of that city, and with his valuable assistance placed a mixed local there, and if our boys will follow the example of the other unions of that city they will have a very successful local, for Pittston is one of the strongest union cities I ever visited. In Charles Duke the A. F. of L. has one of the best organizers in the labor movement, and he will be heard from when he goes to his post in the far West.

I attended a grand electrical display and ball of Local No. 163, of Wilkesbarre, on Lincoln's birthday evening. The hall was packed to its utmost by people of all ranks and stations of life who came to see the display, and no one went away disappointed, for, using the words of one of the leading contractors of Wilkesbarre, it was marvelous.

I placed a local in Allentown, Pa., and I cannot give Brother O'Donnell of Local No. 91 too much credit for the assistance he rendered me in placing the local there.

I next placed a local in Perth Amboy,

N. J., and Brother Wm. McDonough of Local No. 87, of Newark, made my work there very easy, for which I tender him my thanks through the Worker.

I was called to Long Branch, N. J., by our local of that city, which is involved in a general lockout of the building trades of that city. Although a very young local, No. 331 is doing its share to bring the lockout to a satisfactory end, and from the last reports that will be soon, with the trades council victorious.

I arranged for an open meeting for all winders and shopmen on February 25, in Newark, and Brother Sherman came to assist us from Washington. While it was not the success we hoped for, still Local No. 190 (Shopmen), of Newark, got twenty-one new members through it, and from the reports I heard from their last meeting it was the means of reviving the old interest among the winders, and I expect to see them back in shape again in a short time.

While in Newark a committee of the Cable Splicers' Union, of New York City, called upon Brother Sherman and myself, and Brother Sherman carried back to Washington an application for a charter for Cable Splicers' Union, of New York City.

I attended a meeting of the Independent Union on February 26, and explained the workings of our Brotherhood to them, and judging from the reception they gave me when I got through, I am convinced that four-fifths of the members want to be with us.

I installed the new local on February 25, and with the assistance of our locals in New York City (which I know they will get) it will not be long before they will have every cable splicer in New York City in their local.

I was sent to Norfolk, Va., by Grand President Jackson to try and build up Local No. 80, as the members have been dropping out one by one since the strike of the building trades of that city.

I visited the wiremen in the Norfolk Navy-Yard and all electrical workers in Norfolk I could find and invited them to an open meeting Friday evening, March 6. They responded in good style, and I am glad to say the meeting was very successful.

I will leave it to Local No. 80 to say

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whether my visit was a benefit to our craft in Norfolk, Va., or not.

Fraternally,
F. J. McNULTY,
Sixth Vice-President.

Newark, N. J., March 9, 1903.

FROM "OLD CRIP."

EDITOR ELECTRICAL WORKER:

I have had it rough since Christmas. I have been sick a good deal of the time this winter.

Work is scarce it seems in this part of the country. But, then, there will be plenty before long.

I am now writing a large 100-page book. I hope to be able to publish it soon. It will contain several cartoons, some on the electrical workers.

Nothing doing here with Tel. Company. Glad to see Dallas making a good fight.

Fort Worth local has had but one letter in the Worker in nearly three years. Come out of that trance, Stevens, some of you fellows.

Many thanks to the brothers who so kindly remembered me last month. I am still helpless and suffering very much, but I want it understood that the latch-string hangs on the outside for every member of this Brotherhood. So, brothers, if you come this way come and see me. I'll have to stop and be laid back on my virtuous couch.

With gratitude, I am
Yours fraternally,

ROBERT G. WRIGHT.

Denton, Texas, March 5, 1903.

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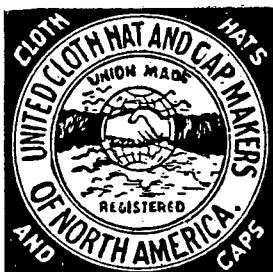
and all the members who visited the house at different times, and moreover those who volunteered their services and also their assistance, with, I am sure, a good heart, and for which I am truly grateful, as of course I may never have the opportunity of seeing them personally, particularly those of the members who were most intimate with him.

I also wish to thank the members for the framed resolutions which they so kindly drew up, and they shall always be most highly prized by me, both as a reminder of the one in whose honor they were drawn, and also of the good will of the union. So all I can do is to hope that some day his boys may fill the place now left vacant with honor and credit to both themselves and to the union.

Again thanking you for all your kindness and with grateful appreciation, I remain,

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John Manley, Local No. 1, St. Louis, Mo.

Robert Wickham, Local No. 151, San Francisco, Cal.

John P. Fleming, Local No. 148, Washington, D. C.

David B. Flynn, Local No. 104, Boston, Mass.

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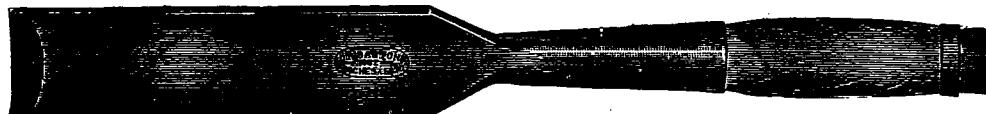
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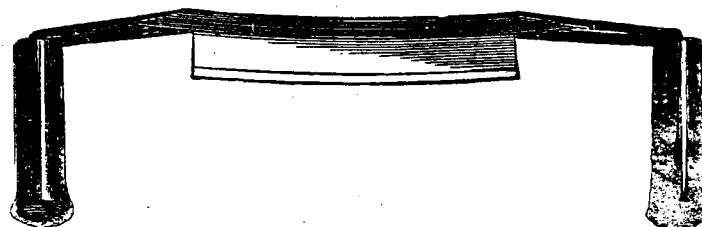
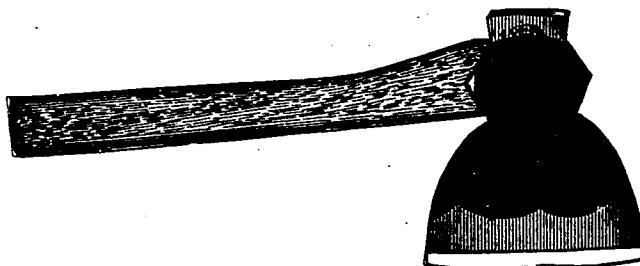
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† No. 3, New York.—Meets Thursday nights at 154 East Fifty-fourth street. President, G. O. Jenney, 849 Southern Boulevard; recording secretary, G. W. Whitford, 441 East Eighty-third street; financial secretary, M. R. Jarvis, 154 East Fifty-fourth street.

† No. 4, New Orleans, La.—Meets first and third Wednesday evenings at Odd Fellows Hall, Room 4. President, John H. McLin, 2328 First street; recording secretary, G. Hennings, Cumberland Tel. Co.; financial secretary, E. Reilly, 2908 Annunciation street.

† No. 5, Pittsburgh, Pa.—Meets every Friday at Electrical Workers' Hall, 404 Smithfield street. President, T. S. Connelly, 404 Smithfield street; recording secretary and Business Agent, J. S. Haskins, 404 Smithfield street; financial secretary, B. D. Saylor, 404 Smithfield street.

† No. 6, San Francisco, Cal.—Meets every Wednesday evening at Myrtle Hall, Alcacer building, 120 O'Farrell street. President, W. J. Fisk, 27 Sixth street; recording secretary, A. H. Barnes, 27 Sixth street; financial secretary, N. H. Bray, 27 Sixth street.

*** No. 7, Springfield Mass.**—Meets every Monday at Room 219, Court Square Theater building. President, W. F. Kavanaugh, 221 Sumner street; recording secretary, George D. Bucher, 81 Tyler street; financial secretary, E. S. Thurston, 715 Worthington street.

† No. 8, Toledo, Ohio.—Meets Monday of each week at Friendship Hall, cor. Jefferson and Summit. President, T. R. Davis, 804 Dorr street; recording secretary, G. H. Snyder, 410 Sherman street; financial secretary, J. N. Strub, 1220 Barker street.

*** No. 9, Chicago, Ill.**—Meets every Saturday at Electrical Workers Dist. Council Hall, 196-198 East Washington street, Top Floor. President, Henry Cullen, 18 Aberdeen street; recording secretary, J. L. Collins, 5907 La Salle street; financial secretary, N. Rousseau, 5938 Normal avenue.

*** No. 10, Indianapolis, Ind.**—Meets every Monday at Morrison's Hall, Circletstreet. President, C. A. Sales 778 W. Michigan street; recording secretary, Thos. Gage, 846 Prospect street; financial secretary, W. F. Snodderly, 2322 Dewey avenue.

*** No. 11, Waterbury, Conn.**—Meets every Friday at Carpenters' Hall, Schlitz bldg., Main street. President, W. J. McNeillis, 64 Kingsbury street; recording secretary, C. Totten, 131 Bank street; financial secretary, H. C. Propson, 44 Cottage street.

*** No. 12, Pueblo, Colo.**—Meets every Friday evening at Trades' Assembly Hall, Main street, between Third and Fourth streets. President, C. E. Emery, P. O. Box 57; recording secretary, A. E. Hoes, P. O. Box 70; financial secretary, S. A. Birkhans, P. O. Box 70.

*** No. 13, El Paso, Tex.**—Meets every Monday at Masonic Temple, Sanantonio street. President, Ed. Porch; recording secretary, Clint Smith, Gen. Delivery; financial secretary, Jno. Blake, 316 North Florence street.

† No. 14, Pittsburg, Pa.—Meets every Thursday night at Electrical Workers' Hall 404 Smithfield street. President, Geo. Schmatzinetz, 3 Herman street; recording secretary, S. D. Young, 404 Smithfield street; financial secretary, F. J. Willenpart, Upton and Watt streets.

*** No. 15, Hoboken, N. J.**—Meets every Friday night at Old Turn Hall, 107 Fifth street. President, Peter Sorenson, 361 Palisade avenue, Jersey City; recording secretary, John J. Brynes, 1225 Park avenue, Hoboken; financial secretary, Jas. F. Morrison, 314 Park avenue, Hoboken.

*** No. 16, Evansville, Ind.**—Meets every Thursday night at Private Hall or rooms, 813½ Upper Third street. President, Roy Hoskinson, 712 Walnut street; recording secretary, Arthur Selzer, 515 East Columbia street; financial secretary, Edw. Wilke, 519 Upper Seventh street.

*** No. 17, Detroit, Mich.**—Meets every Monday evening at Johnson's Hall, 34 Monroe avenue. President, Chas. R. Lapworth, 955 Merrick avenue; recording secretary, Edw. G. Smith, 182 Sherman street; financial secretary, F. W. Stuvenall, 497 Sixth street.

*** No. 18, Kansas City, Mo.**—Meets every Tuesdays evening, at 1833 Grand avenue. President, F. H. Fish, 3808 E Ninth street; recording secretary, J. T. Byars, 1819 Norton avenue; financial secretary, 3504 Howard avenue.

*** No. 19, Atchison, Kans.**—Meets second and forth Fridays, Labor Union Hall, Seventh and Commercial streets. President, E. A. Gemeny. Missouri-Kansas Telephone Co.; recording secretary, J. W. Keel, 509 Harmony street; financial secretary, W. H. Coleman, 728 R street.

† No. 20, New York City.—Meets every Tuesday night at Military Hall, 193 Bowery. President, P. McLaughlin, New York avenue and Winthrop street, Brooklyn; recording secretary, F. Curtin, 193 Bowery; financial secretary, T. J. Convery, 193 Bowery.

† No. 21, Philadelphia, Pa.—Meets every Friday at Elks' Hall, 232 North Ninth street. President, R. H. Kellar, 316 North Eighth street; recording secretary, Ed. Ferry, 841 East Churchlane street; financial secretary, R. E. Collier, 1111 Harmer street.

† No. 22, Omaha, Nebr.—Meets every Wednesday evening at 8 p. m., at Labor Temple, Fifteenth and Dodge streets. President, W. H. Klein, 504 First avenue, Council Bluffs, Ia.; recording secretary, H. P. Kerr, 2245 North Nineteenth street; financial secretary, M. J. Curran, 1814 St. Mary's avenue.

*** No. 23, St. Paul, Minn.**—Meets first and third Mondays at Federation Hall, Third and Wabasha streets. President, C. F. Donnellan, No. 14 West Fourth streets; recording secretary, W. B. Tubbersing, 882 Arundel street; financial secretary, H. H. Tubbersing, 447 West Central avenue.

*** No. 24, Minneapolis, Minn.**—Meets every Tuesday at Halcomb's Hall, 43 Fourth street, south. President, Louis Foss, 616 Nineteenth avenue, south; recording secretary, J. M. Rust, 47 Eleventh street, south; financial secretary, J. J. Reynolds, 2316 Fourth avenue, south.

*** No. 25, Terre Haute, Ind.**—Meets every Thursday at C. L. U. Hall, 626 Wabash avenue. President, F. Morgan, 662 Oak street; recording secretary, Dean Bostick, 510 Walnut Street; financial secretary, Lee Dickerson, 509 South Thirteenth street.

† No. 26, Washington, D.C.—Meets every Thursday, Royal Hall, Seventh and N streets, Northwest. President, E. Nothnagel, 1415 5th street, Northwest; recording secretary, S. F. Adams, 724 Eighteenth street, Northwest; financial secretary, A. Longprey, P. O. Box 516, Station G.

† No. 27, Baltimore, Md.—Meets every Monday at Border State Bank building, Park avenue and Fayette street. President George W. Sutton, 711

West Saratoga street; recording secretary, G. W. Spillman, 602 Wyeth street; financial secretary, J. A. Connolly, 1728 North Bond street.

† No. 28, Baltimore, Md.—Meets every Thursday night at 506 East Baltimore street. President, William M. Reese, 2324 Parkwood avenue; recording secretary, John F. Stout, 804 North Wolfe street; financial secretary, Geo. J. Schmidt, 241 Milton avenue.

*** No. 29, Trenton, N. J.**—Meets every Tuesday evening at Ribsam building, corner Front and Broad streets; fourth floor; take elevator. President, Charles Gordon, 32 Chapel street; recording secretary, J. H. Brister, 50 Fountain avenue; financial secretary, F. L. Morris, 223 N. Broad street.

† No. 30, Cincinnati, Ohio.—Meets every second and fourth Tuesday at Cosmopolitan Hall, 1813 Vine street. President, Samuel Johns, 26 East Court street; recording secretary, Fred S. Seidel, 2822 Harrison avenue; financial secretary, C. A. Palmer, 4222 Cherry street, Cincinnati, O.

*** No. 31, Duluth, Minn.**—Meets first and third Thursdays at Bricklayers' Hall, Axa Building, 221 West Superior street. President, E. J. Meagher, 216 West Superior street; recording secretary, C. W. Higgins, 216 West Superior street; financial secretary, M. A. Hibbard, care of Northern Electric Company.

*** No. 32, Lima, Ohio.**—Meets first and third Tuesdays at Donze Hall, South Main street. President, O. G. Snyder, Bluffton, Ohio; recording secretary, W. C. Holmes, 110 Harrison avenue, Lima, Ohio; financial secretary, E. Kraus, 808½ E. Wayne street, Lima.

*** No. 33, New Castle, Pa.**—Meets every Wednesday night at Dushane Hall, Washington street. President, James B. Dygert, Croton; recording secretary, Paul Gaston, 268 Pitts street; financial secretary, T. L. Runkle, 359 Cunningham avenue.

† No. 34, Peoria, Ill.—Meets second and fourth Mondays at Pettitt's Hall, 209 Liberty street. President, Geo. M. Akers, 511 Hurlburt street; recording secretary, Walter Williams, 813 South Jefferson street; financial secretary, Edgar Peek, 813 South Jefferson street.

*** No. 35, Massillon, Ohio.**—Meets second and fourth Wednesdays at Trades' and Labor Assembly Hall, McCaymonds Block. President F. F. Flickinger, 188 Richville avenue; recording secretary, R. S. Hardgrove, 22 E. Charles street; financial secretary, A. Shorb, 382 West Tremont street.

† No. 36, Sacramento, Cal.—Meets Friday night at 1019 J street. President, F. O. Hutton, 2626 M street; recording secretary, W. H. Eastman, 918 K street; financial secretary, F. A. Holden, 915 Nineteenth street.

*** No. 37, Hartford, Conn.**—Meets every Wednesday at Central Labor Union Hall, Main street. President, John W. Condon, 37 Lewis street; recording secretary, James Lynch, 32 Allyn street; financial secretary, Maurice Collins, 32 Allyn street.

† No. 38, Cleveland, Ohio.—Meets every Tuesday at 238 Champlain street. President, Edw. T. Mackey, 14 Arnold street; recording secretary, Wm. Shourds, 107 Giddings street; financial secretary, Frank Estinghausen, 88 Prospect st.

† No. 39, Cleveland, Ohio.—Meets every Thursday at Arch Hall, 393 Ontario street. President, D. McIntyre, 102 Brownell street; recording secretary, O. B. Faulhaber, 61 Colgate street; financial secretary, F. Sullivan, 83 Prospect street.

*** No. 40, St. Joseph, Mo.**—Meets Wednesday at A. O. U. W. Hall, 8th and Locust streets. President, A. E. McCarthy, 22d, between Bell and Commercial street; recording secretary, Wm. Dorsel, 1710 Calhoun street; financial secretary, Chas. B. Ellis, 736 So. 4th street.

† No. 41, Buffalo, N. Y.—Meets every Thursday at Council Hall, cor. E. Huron and Ellicott streets. President, A. Cunningham, 506 West Utica street; recording secretary, B. A. Burke, Forne's Hotel, cor. Pearl and Court streets; financial secretary, L. Wepperman, 164 Peach street.

No. 42, Utica, N. Y.—Meets first and third Fridays at Labor Temple, 18 Hotel street. Presi-

dent, L. D. Lacy, 144 Mary street; recording secretary, C. B. Tyrrell, 58 Second street; financial secretary, H. Van De Bogart, care Western Union Telegraph Company, Utica, N. Y.

† No. 43, Syracuse, N. Y.—Meets Fridays at Myers' Hall, corner Montgomery and East Genesee streets. President, John Kirwin, 105 Belmont street; recording secretary, H. J. Leavy, 208 McAllister avenue; financial secretary and treasurer, John O'Donnell, 206 Caroline avenue.

† No. 44, Rochester, N. Y.—Meets every second Wednesday at Electrical Workers' Hall, 86 State street. President, J. P. Haley, 17 Gardner Park; recording secretary, F. C. Gunsaul, 30 University avenue; financial secretary, W. G. Carroll, 120½ Monroe avenue.

*** No. 45, Buffalo, N. Y.**—Meets second and fourth Saturdays at Schwarts' Hall, corner Goodell and Washington streets. President, W. Murkins, 108 South Division street; recording secretary, S. Young, 254 Niagara street; financial secretary, Jas. Shane, 78 South Division street.

† No. 46, Lowell, Mass.—Meets every Thursday evening at Engineers' Hall, Wyman's Ex. building, Central and Merrimac streets. President, Geo. W. Conant; recording secretary, Geo. Smith; financial secretary, G. C. Smith, 104 So. Whipple street.

*** No. 47, Sioux City, Iowa.**—Meets every second and fourth Thursday at Room 424, Toy Block, corner Fourth and Jackson streets. President, F. E. Leonard, 808 Cook street; recording secretary, F. G. Smith, 910 Douglass street; financial secretary, C. A. Biggins, 1623 Omaha street.

*** No. 48, Richmond, Va.**—Meets every Wednesday night at Enett's Hall, Fifth and Marshall streets. President, F. Gentry; recording secretary, H. G. Sterling, 506 West Seventh street; financial secretary, J. C. Wheat, 1013 Taylor street.

*** No. 49, Chicago, Ill.**—Meets first and third Wednesdays, at Electrical Workers' Hall, 196-198 Washington street. President, Alex. McGregor, 1309 Tripp avenue; recording secretary, F. A. Cornell, 831 Drake avenue; financial secretary, F. H. Prince, 444 W. Lake street.

*** No. 50, Belleville, Ill.**—Meets every Monday a Electrical Workers' Hall, 9 North Illinois street. President, J. Workman, 117 South Church street; recording secretary, A. Weinle, 15 East C street; financial secretary, D. Mallinson, corner A and Jackson streets.

*** No. 51, Reading, Pa.**—Meets First Sunday, second and fourth Tuesdays at Haraguari Hall, 48 South Sixth Street. President, Clifford Lyons, 342 South Fourth street; recording secretary, E. Arrowsmith, 504 North Tenth street; financial secretary, David A. Clump, 933 Washington street.

† No. 52, Newark, N. J.—Meets Monday nights at Electrical Workers' Hall, 236 Washington street. President, Adolph Raube, 109 Patterson street; recording secretary, Chas. P. Taylor, 569 Hometown street; financial secretary, J. H. Sayre, 44 North Seventh street.

*** No. 53, Harrisburg, Pa.**—Meets first and third Tuesdays, 255 North street. President, C. A. Swager, 622 Forster street; recording secretary, R. E. Bleyer, 255 North street; financial secretary, Carl A. E. Andersen, 46 Summit street.

*** No. 54, Columbus, Ohio.**—Meets second and fourth Wednesdays at Trades' and Labor Assembly Hall, 121½ East Town street. President, William Demaris, 154 S. Belle street; recording secretary, John C. Lang, 221 E. Livingston avenue; financial secretary, J. A. Pilger, 2493 Medina avenue.

*** No. 55, Des Moines, Iowa.**—Meets Thursdays at Trades' and Labor Assembly Hall, Seventh and Locust street. President, A. R. Morse, 513 Crocker street; recording secretary, Fred A. Wallace, 1012 Tenth street; financial secretary, Chas. Lafin, Thirty-eighth and Woodland ave.

*** No. 56, Erie, Pa.**—Meets first, third, and fifth Mondays at C. M. B. A. Hall, 721 State street. President, Nat Barton, 1109 Myrtle street; recording secretary, W. E. Osborne, 312 West Fourth street; financial secretary, E. H. Brooks, 241 West Twenty-first street.

*** No. 57, Salt Lake City, Utah.**—Meets Saturdays, Electrical Workers' Hall, 11 West, First street,

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South. President, J. H. Lovell, 257 East First street South; recording secretary, J. R. Currie, P. O. Box 402; financial secretary, C. J. Reading, Box 402.

*No. 58, Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Meets second and fourth Mondays at Lynch's Hall. President, William Watts, 1628 Whirlpool, city; recording secretary, Bert Dingman, 24 Niagara street, city; financial secretary, James M. Watkins, care Prospect Park Hotel, city.

No. 59, St. Louis, Mo.—Tel. Wiremen—Meets Mondays at Electrical Hall, 1028 Franklin avenue. President, Wm. D. McSorley, 425 Ewing avenue; recording secretary, W. H. Moll, 5070 Washington avenue; financial secretary, T. Cahill, 1581 North Jefferson avenue.

*No. 60, San Antonio, Tex.—Meets first and third Saturdays, at K. of P. Hall, Alamo Plaza. President, Joe Wellage, 1009 South Alamo street; recording secretary, W. White, 513 N. Leona street; financial secretary, John Thompson, 319 Lubbock street.

†No. 61, Los Angeles, Cal.—Meets every Thursday at Labor Council Hall, 488 South Spring street. President, M. B. Davidson, University Station; recording secretary, F. D. Ferguson, 518 West Eighth street; financial secretary, C. E. Smith, 778 Ceres street.

†No. 62, Youngstown, Ohio.—Meets first and third Tuesdays at Finn's Hall, northwest corner of Public Square. President, F. C. Frankfeiter, Commercial Hotel; recording secretary, T. P. Edmunds, 1660 Edgewood street; financial secretary, C. A. Onstott, 618 Covington street,

*No. 63, Warren, Pa.—Meets first and third Wednesdays at D. O. H. Hall, corner Second and Liberty streets. President, John Burns, New York and Pennsylvania Tel. Co., Warren, Pa.; recording secretary, C. W. Simpson, Warren, Pa.; financial secretary, N. H. Spencer, Warren, Pa.

†No. 64, Youngstown, Ohio.—Meets second and fourth Wednesdays at Finn Hall, Public square, President, R. P. Witherell, 625 Mt. Pleasant street; recording secretary, W. L. Goodhart, 653 High street; financial secretary, Wm. Griffith, 345 West Rayan avenue.

*No. 65, Butte, Mont.—Meets first and third Saturdays at I. O. G. T. Hall, West Broadway. President, Ivan E. Holt, 207 West Park street; recording and financial secretary, W. C. Medhurst, P. O. Box 846.

*No. 66, Houston, Tex.—Meets first and third Wednesdays at Woodmen's Hall, 111½ Congress avenue. President, W. R. Luckie, 1017 Houston avenue; recording secretary, A. G. Thomas, 12 New Orleans street; financial secretary, W. H. Wilson, P. O. Box 628.

*No. 67, Quincy, Ill.—Meets second and fourth Thursday at Fink's Hall, Main street, between Sixth and Seventh streets. President, L. S. Hull, Vermont street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets; recording secretary, Jules Boquet, 627½ Maine street; financial secretary, O. L. Preston, 606 Cedar street.

†No. 68, Denver, Colo.—Meets every Monday at Room 512, Charles Building, Fifteenth and Curtis streets. President, Geo. E. Winter, Hayward Place; recording secretary, Wm. Lorenz, 1453 California; financial secretary, F. H. Lohman, 1453 California.

†No. 69, Dallas, Tex.—Meets every Thursday night at Labor Temple, 814 Elm street. President, Geo. Reeves, Lion Hotel; recording secretary, R. S. Carmack, 143 Crockett street; financial secretary, J. P. Conner, Union Depot Hotel.

*No. 70, Cripple Creek, Colo.—Meets every Wednesday at Electrical Workers' Hall, Fairley & Lampman block. President, T. N. Jones, Box 684; recording secretary, Chas. Sallstrom, Box 684; financial secretary, E. P. Steen, Box 684.

*No. 71, Lancaster, Pa.—Meets every Sunday morning at Y. M. C. A. Building, South Queen street. President, A. Hull, 412 North Mulberry street; recording secretary, H. Fitzgerald, 236 West Walnut street; financial secretary, Wm. O'Connors, 446 South Christian street.

*No. 72, Waco, Tex.—Meets second and fourth Saturday nights at Labor Hall, Sixth and Franklin streets. President, C. F. Marrs, 1215 Baylor street; recording secretary, C. E. Smith, 414

Washington street; financial secretary, J. E. Caple, 414 Washington street.

*No. 73, Spokane, Wash.—Meets every Monday Central Labor Hall, First and Post streets. President, R. Krueger, 1802 Sharp avenue; recording secretary, M. McCain, 1508 Mallon avenue; financial secretary, D. W. Eberlin, 2514 E. Sixth street.

*No. 74, Winona, Minn.—Meets first and third Thursdays at Superintendent of Fire Alarms Building, Layfayette street, between Third and Fourth streets. President, George Morrison, 174 East Fifth street; recording secretary, John P. Fromm, 467 East Fourth street; financial secretary, H. B. Kline, 510 Olmstead street.

†No. 75, Grand Rapids, Mich.—Meets Second and fourth Tuesdays at C. L. U. Hall, No. 234 Canal street. President, A. E. Clark, 125 Gold street; recording secretary, F. J. Dickerson, 24 School street; financial secretary, J. Maskel, 98 James street.

*No. 76, Tacoma, Wash.—Meets every Saturday at I. O. O. F. Hall, corner A and Tenth streets. President, W. A. Trousdale, 1110½ Tacoma avenue; recording secretary, J. M. Dean, 1606 South E street; financial secretary, C. A. Young, 410 S. Yak avenue.

*No. 77, Seattle, Wash.—Meets every Wednesday evening at Masonic Temple, Second and Pike streets. President, W. W. Crawford, P. O. Box 331; recording secretary, A. Gordon, 2724 Madison street; financial secretary, G. W. Waters, 222 Sixth avenue. North

†No. 78, Chicago, Ill.—Meets First and third Fridays at I. B. E. W. Hall, 196 East Washington street. President, Julius Lapp, 178 S. Halstead street; recording secretary, H. T. Bayard, 722 E. 42nd street; financial secretary, G. H. Foltz, 975 Clinton Park avenue.

†No. 79, Syracuse, N. Y.—Meets first and third Mondays at Myers' Hall, corner of East Genesee and Montgomery streets. President, Edward Gyatt, 305 McBride street; recording secretary, Cornelius O'Connor, 503 Hawley avenue; financial secretary, John Walsh, 220 Hawley avenue.

*No. 80, Norfolk, Va.—Meets Tuesdays at Electrical Workers' Hall, 268 Main street. President, R. Davis, P. O. Box 232; recording secretary, E. E. Mathews, P. O. Box 232; financial secretary, F. R. Pitt, P. O. Box 232.

*No. 81, Scranton, Pa.—Meets second and fourth Monday at 220 Lackawana avenue. President, D. Layerty, 318 Mulberry street; recording secretary, Gail Bonham, 813 Linden street; financial secretary, T. B. Sturdevant, 905 Cedar avenue.

†No. 82, Henderson, Ky.—Meets first, third and fourth Tuesdays in each month in Powers' Hall, First street, between Green and Elm. President, R. L. Taylor, 1413 O'Byrn street; recording secretary, Tinsley Rudy, corner Washington and Alvasia streets; financial secretary, J. A. Quinn, 318 North Elm street.

*No. 83, Milwaukee, Wis.—Meets every Friday at Lipp's Hall, corner Third and Prairie streets. President, H. F. Johnston, 312 Wine street; recording secretary, A. A. Schlew, 604 Sycamore street; financial secretary, N. Daleiden, 899 36th street.

†No. 84, Atlanta, Ga.—Meets every Tuesday in Web Pressmen's Hall, 28½ South Broad street; President, W. R. Johnson, Standard Tel. Co.; recording secretary, P. L. Reaves, 91 Garnett street; financial secretary, A. R. Rodgers, 206 South Forsyth street.

*No. 85, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Can.—Meets second and fourth Friday at Dawson Block, Queen street East. President, E. Duffin, Sault Ste. Marie, West P. O.; recording secretary, H. Lamberton, Sault Ste. Marie, West P. O.; financial secretary, R. B. Johnston, Sault Ste. Marie Can.

†No. 86, Rochester, N. Y.—Meets every Monday at Electrical Workers' Hall, 86 State street. President, F. Glynn, 8 Lampson street; recording secretary, J. Gibson, 196 State street; financial secretary, C. Warder, 40 Reynolds street.

†No. 87, Newark, N. J.—Meets every Friday at Electrical Workers' Hall, 236 Washington street. President, Thomas Dunn, 81 Ferry street; recording secretary, Joe Snyder, 100 Bank

street; financial secretary, Geo. Hokenbury, 19 Gray street.

*No. 88, **Savannah, Ga.**—Meets second and fourth Thursdays at Labor Hall, Whittaker and Broughton streets. President, W. D. Claibone, P. O. Box 816; recording secretary, J. T. Finnegan, P. O. Box 816; financial secretary, F. Hudson, P. O. Box 816.

*No. 89, **Akron, Ohio.**—Meets first and third Thursday nights at Bricklayers' Hall, 166 South Main street. President, George Burgoon, 145 Benjamin street; recording secretary, F. F. Loomis, 111 Viaduct; financial secretary, Fred Bien, 126 Dayton street.

*No. 90, **New Haven, Conn.**—Meets every Saturday evening at Forester's Hall, 781 Chapel street. President, Sam'l Johnson, 68 Derby ave.; recording secretary, William McLean, 184 Union avenue; financial secretary, Wallace Mulliken, 672 Chapel street.

*No. 91, **Easton, Pa.**—Meets First and third Sundays at Odenweler's Hall, Seventh and Northampton streets. President, E. D. Weber, 658 Walnut street, Easton, Pa.; recording secretary, T. A. Martin, 308 Wilkesbarre street, Easton, Pa.; financial secretary, W. C. Pearce, 40 Wilkesbarre street, Easton, Pa.

*No. 92, **Hornellsville, N. Y.**—Meets every second and fourth Saturdays at I. O. G. T. hall, corner Main and Broad streets. President, C. M. Kelly, 38 Broad street; recording secretary, Max Lundrigan, 38 Broad street; financial secretary, H. S. Brown, 38 Broad street.

*No. 93, **East Liverpool, O.**—President, Robert Baxter, Washington street; recording secretary, W. F. Taylor, Milligan Hardware Co.; financial secretary, J. R. Williams, 260 Fifth street.

*No. 94, **Kewanee, Ill.**—Meets second and fourth Saturday nights each month at Henry Telephone Co.'s Office, 217 N. Tremont street. President, E. W. Kramer, Kewanee, Ill.; recording secretary, Frank G. Rugh, 217 N. Tremont street, Kewanee, Ill.; financial secretary, Frank A. Hyde, 319 N. Main street.

*No. 95, **Joplin, Mo.**—Meets every Thursday night at Labor Hall, Sixth and Wall streets. President, J. C. Shadwick, Mo. Kans. Tel. Co.; recording secretary, Alva Utt, S. W. Mo. Lt. Co.; financial secretary, Charles Nelson, box 461.

*No. 96, **Worcester, Mass.**—Meets every Monday 8 p. m., at Piper Hall, 419 Main street. President, G. F. Hall, 419 Main street; recording secretary, W. D. Kendall, 419 Main street; financial secretary, S. A. Strout, 419 Main street.

*No. 97, **Mt. Vernon, O.**—Meets every first and third Saturday night, at Quindaro, I.O.O.F. Hall, South Main street. President, C. R. Appleton, Mt. Vernon, Ohio; recording secretary, F. D. Morrison, Mt. Vernon, Ohio; financial secretary, O. D. Layman, corner Adams and Front streets.

*No. 98, **Philadelphia, Pa.**—Meets every Tuesday night at Elks' Hall, 232 N. Ninth street. President, Jas. S. Mead, 118 Noble street; Philadelphia, Pa.; recording secretary, Louis S. Fowler, 27 North Larson street, Philadelphia, Pa.; financial secretary, W. A. J. Guscott, 1321 Arch street, business agent's office, Philadelphia, Pa.

*No. 99, **Providence, R. I.**—Meets every Monday night at Hanley Block, 63 Washington street. President, A. W. Seavey, No. 6 Spring street; recording secretary, R. A. Ripley, 447 Washington street; financial secretary, Chas. F. Smith, 33 East street.

*No. 100, **Jacksonville, Fla.**—Meets every Tuesday at 105 E. Bay street. President, E. J. McDonnell, 404 W. Monroe street; recording secretary, C. C. Mallette, 454 East Third street; financial secretary, S. B. Kitchen, 722 West Monroe street.

*No. 101, **Middletown, N. Y.**—Meets first and third Tuesday in each month at Times Building, corner King and Center streets. President, Charles Cunningham, 109 East avenue; recording secretary, Charles Carvey, 122 Wickham avenue; financial secretary, Frank Schaefer 30 Cottage street.

*No. 102, **Paterson, N. J.**—Meets Thursday at each week at Helvetia Hall, Van Houten street. President, Raymond Clark, 35 Benson street; recording secretary, C. J. Cross, 84 Sherman street, Passiac; financial secretary, W. H. Cross, 84 Sherman street, Passiac; business agent, Frank Foreman, 187 Broadway, Paterson.

*No. 103, **Boston, Mass.**—Meets every Wednesday at Dexter Hall, 987 Washington street. President, Wm. J. Joyce, 10 Meander street; recording secretary, William H. Sullivan, 123 Hudson street; financial secretary, Ernest H. Chase, 19 Allston square, Allston Mass.

*No. 104, **Boston, Mass.**—Meets every Tuesday at Appleton Hall, Appleton street. President, Michael Birmingham, 18 Eastburn street, Brighton, Mass.; recording secretary, Leod McLeod, 12 Wesley street, Somerville, Mass.; financial secretary, L. McDonald, 159 Shawmut avenue, Boston, Mass.

*No. 105, **Hamilton, Ont.**—Meets second and fourth Thursday at Trades and Labor Hall, 17 Main street, East. President, D. M. Thompson, 296 Victoria avenue, North; recording secretary, Wm. Wilson, 458 Barton street, East; financial secretary, Jas. Donaldson, 109 Maria street.

*No. 106, **Jamestown, N. Y.**—Meets Monday evening at Warner Block. President, Louis Theirfellet, Bemus street, Jamestown, N. Y.; recording secretary, Kent Spencer, Rush street, Jamestown, N. Y.; financial secretary, Wm. J. Torrey, 44 Park street, Jamestown, N. Y.

*No. 107, **Pittsburg, Kans.**—Financial secretary, J. R. Duncan, 213 E. Eighth street.

*No. 108, **Tampa, Fla.**—Meets every Monday night at Kraus Hall, Franklin street. President, M. V. Smith, 707 Jackson street; recording secretary, W. M. Baker, P. O. Box 67; financial secretary, J. L. Brown, 90 West Eleventh avenue.

*No. 109, **Davenport, Iowa.**—Meets first and third Tuesdays at Lahrman's hall, Second and Ripley streets. President, C. W. Chase, 413 West Ninth street; recording secretary, W. C. Bloom, 103½ East Fourth street; financial secretary, Jas. Dallmer, 202 East Fifth street.

*No. 110, **Sandusky, Ohio.**—Meets first and third Friday nights at Fusch's Hall, corner of Monroe and Fulton streets. President, C. McNeal, Jefferson street; recording secretary, Wm. Windisch, 506 Pearl street; financial secretary, Chas. Littleton, 321 Scott street.

*No. 111, **Honolulu, Hawaii.**—Meets first and third Thursdays at 7:30 p. m., Queen Emma Hall, Nueraner and Beretania streets. President, Carl M. Taylor, 144 Box Hawaiian Electric Company; recording secretary, R. M. Gilman, Young Building; financial secretary, R. J. Berger, 1148 Miller street.

*No. 112, **Louisville, Ky.**—Meets every Tuesday night at Germania Hall, Jefferson street, between First and Second streets. President, W. L. Barrett, 888 E. Main street; recording secretary, C. R. Gilmore, 1600 Brook street; financial secretary, F. H. Weaver, 738 East Washington street.

*No. 113, **Colorado Springs, Colo.**—Meets every Friday at A. O. H. Hall, over Voorhees' store, 22 South Tejon street. President, Frank Graham, 103 Summit street; recording secretary, G. G. Macy, 17 W. Costilla street; financial secretary, H. T. Paschal, Box 1057.

*No. 114, **Toronto, Can.**—Meets First and third Wednesdays at Forester's Temple Building, room 4, corner Bay and Richmond streets. President, John G. Scally, 55 Afton avenue, Toronto; recording secretary, W. C. Clark, southwest corner Dundas and Gladstone avenue, Toronto; financial secretary, K. A. McRae, room 46, 18 Victoria street, Toronto.

*No. 115, **Austin, Tex.**—Meets second and fourth Wednesdays at Trades Council Hall, over 1000 Cong. avenue. President, R. N. Leok, 709 Cong. avenue; recording secretary, B. F. McNaughan, 1504 Sabine street; financial secretary, B. F. McDonald, 200 East Sixteenth street.

*No. 116, **Los Angeles, Cal.**—Meets every Tuesday at 534½ South Spring street. President, Thos. Storie, 1412 East Twenty-first street; recording secretary, J. W. Murphy, 3111 Kansas avenue; financial secretary, E. Lawrence, Pasadena, Cal.

*No. 117, **Elgin, Ill.**—Meets first and third Thursdays, at Trades Council Hall, corner Douglas avenue and Division street. President, J. C. Burney, 316 West Crystal avenue; recording secretary, J. J. Huston, 313 Center street; financial secretary, E. C. Webb, 19 West Spring street.

*No. 118, **Dayton, O.**—Meets Thursday nights at

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Dicester Post Hall, 25 North Main street. President, A. Laughman, 92 Weakley street; recording secretary, C. M. Rike, 128 East Fourth street; financial secretary, J. W. Hott, 2 Stanley street.
 † No. 119, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Meets every Saturday evening at Howard Hall, East N. Y., Atlantic and Alabama avenue. President, Earl S. Oates, 447 Thompkins avenue; recording secretary, Harry W. Roland, 634 Bergen street, Brooklyn; financial secretary, A. E. Funnell, Third street, Union Course, L. I.

* No. 120, London, Ont.—Meets third Tuesday in each month at Oriental Hall, Clarence street. President, G. Upshall, 589 William street; recording secretary, L. R. Folley, 189 Wellington street; financial secretary, James G. Rushton, 12 Napier street.

† No. 121, Denver, Col.—Meets every Wednesday at Charles Bldg, room 202, Fifteenth and Curtis streets. President, David Reed, 135 Archer street; recording secretary, J. S. Murray, 176 W. Bayard street; financial secretary, F. J. Curigan, 509 W. Seventh avenue.

* No. 122, Great Falls, Mont.—Meets every Thursday, at 8 o'clock, at Foundry Union Hall, No. 16 Second street north. President, W. P. Benson, P. O. Box 385 Great Falls; recording secretary, D. D. Barnes, P. O. Box 385 Great Falls; financial secretary, C. W. Todd, Box 385 Great Falls.

* No. 123, Wilmington, N. C.—Meets every Wednesday night at Atlantic Bank Building, Front and Princess streets. President, E. C. Yarbrough, 11 Church street; recording secretary, E. C. Horton, 503 South Sixth street; financial secretary, E. E. Vickers, 313 North Front street.

† No. 124, Galveston, Tex.—Meets second and fourth Fridays at Cooks' and Waiters' Hall, 307 Tremont street. President, W. D. Cumming, 1405 Twenty-seventh street; recording secretary, G. L. Monford, Galveston; financial secretary, L. Tschung, 2223 Market street.

* No. 125, Portland, Ore.—Meets every Wednesday at Painters' Hall, No. 234½ Morrison street. President, H. G. Green, 52 East Sixth street; recording secretary, C. K. Reitzel; financial secretary, Ge. W. Newbury, 1054 E. Taylor street.

* No. 126, Little Rock, Ark.—Meets every Tuesday night at Labor Temple, Markham and Main streets. President, Thos. M. Kelly, 410 Broadway; recording secretary, C. J. Jobert, P. O. Box 472; financial secretary, C. M. Milham, 518 Louisiana street.

† No. 127, New Rochelle, N. Y.—Meets second and last Friday in each month at 18 Lawton street. President, R. K. Johnson, 18 Lawton street, New Rochelle, N. Y.; recording secretary, Frederick Holland, 32 Prospect Terrace, Williamsbridge, N. Y.; financial secretary, J. C. Erwin, Greenwich, Conn.

* No. 128, Alton, Ill.—Meets every first and third Wednesday at Squire Nathan's office, Second and Market streets. President, Edgar Rice, 330 Bluff street; recording secretary, J. A. Martin, 511 Market street; financial secretary, W. W. Wade, 618 Summit street.

* No. 129, Nashville, Tenn.—Meets every Saturday night at Labor Advocate Hall. President, C. Snider; secretary, Len S. Riller.

† No. 130, New Orleans, La.—Meets first and third Thursdays at Finnan hall, 635 Gravier street. President, Wm. Fisher, 615 Third street; recording secretary, J. G. Delesdeneuve, 4409 Annunciation street; financial secretary, A. Warner, 1025 Gen. Taylor street.

† No. 131, Traverse City, Mich.—Meets second and fourth Tuesdays in month in Central Labor Hall, corner Union and State streets. President, I. L. Cook, Traverse City, Mich.; recording secretary, H. E. Maillat, City Tel. Co., Traverse City, Mich.; financial secretary, Frank Alvord, 314 S. Division street, Traverse City, Mich.

† No. 132, South Bend, Ind.—Meets every two weeks on Monday evenings at Central Labor Hall, South Michigan street. President, J. E. Perry, 318 South Michigan street; recording secretary, C. C. Miller, Home Tel. Co.; financial secretary, Carl Moore, 704 Leland ave.

† No. 133, Detroit, Mich.—Meets every Wednesday night at Johnston's Hall, 34 Munroe avenue. President, James Golstan, 578 Champlain street; recording secretary, L. A. Berg, 164 Locust street;

financial secretary, H. D. Chapman, 521 Champlain street.

† No. 134, Chicago, Ill.—Meets every Thursday night at 196 East Washington street. President, Chas. L. White, 931 Monticello avenue; recording secretary, George O. Johnson, 1250 West Van Buren street; financial secretary, S. A. Grimblot 4514 Champlain avenue; business agent, John H. Maloney, 324 South Albany avenue.

* No. 135, La Crosse, Wis.—Meets every second and fourth Friday at Malin Hall, Fourth street. President, Thos. Bramwell, Thirteenth and Pine streets; recording secretary, Frank J. Wiggert, 423 Avon street; financial secretary, Charles Yates, Western Union Telegraph Office.

* No. 136, Birmingham, Ala.—Meets every Tuesday day at Dunker Hall, 210 North Twentieth street. President, F. S. Williamson, 1804 Fourth avenue; recording secretary, J. E. B. Vincent, 630 Third avenue; financial secretary, J. N. Harper, 2010 Third avenue.

† No. 137, Albany, N. Y.—Meets every Sunday, 9 a. m., at Hudson avenue and Broadway. President, D. E. McCarty, 9 Broad street; recording secretary, M. Mahoney, Laird House, Troy, N. Y.; financial secretary, James O. Ryan, 25 Catherine street.

* No. 138, Fort Wayne, Ind.—Meets first and third Thursdays, at Carpenter's Hall, corner Clinton and Berry streets. President, D. Mullen, 200 N. Barb street; recording secretary, E. J. Fisher, 127 East Washington street; financial secretary, H. E. Wineland, 214 Spy Run avenue.

* No. 139, Elmira, N. Y.—Meets second and fourth Sundays at 10 o'clock, at Federation of Labor Hall, between Lake and Baldwin streets. President, F. Voorhees, 615 William street; recording secretary, F. A. Ridall, 313 Baldwin street; financial secretary, C. H. Owens, 104 Exchange Place.

* No. 140, Schenectady, N. Y.—Meets first and third Wednesdays at Carpenter's Hall, State street. President, John J. Dowling, 456 State street; recording secretary, John Fleming, 1011 Albany street; financial secretary, J. H. Reed, 439 South Center street.

† No. 141, Wheeling, W. Va.—Meets every Wednesday at Peabody Building, Room 207, Market street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets. President, William Bumgarner, 55 Twelfth street; recording secretary, Eugene Hagan, 730 Market street; financial secretary, I. R. Ullom, corner Twenty-second and Jacob streets.

* No. 142, Wheeling, W. Va.—Meets every Monday night at Electrical Workers' Hall, Room 207, Peabody Building, Market street. President, M. H. Smith, Bridgeport, Ohio; recording secretary, George Gehring, 1312 Wood street; financial secretary, W. A. Kent, 107 Ohio street.

* No. 143, Ashtabula, O.—Meets first and third Tuesdays, at C. L. U. Hall, Newberry Block, Canton and Mains. President, A. B. Chase Palmer, 10 Kinsman street; recording secretary, James D. Bomar, 10 Station street; financial secretary, H. J. Williams, 233½ Main street.

* No. 144, Wichita, Kan.—Meets every Thursday night at 400 East Douglas avenue. President, B. L. Cushman, 600 S. Emporia street; recording secretary, H. M. Smith, 130 North Market street; financial secretary, O. H. Budd, 151 North Emporia street.

* No. 145, Saginaw, Mich.—Meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at Engineer's Hall, 218 Genesee avenue. President, Peter Derome, 710 Holden street; recording secretary, Chas. Hillman, 1502 Janes street; financial secretary, Gus Buternitz, 1506 Van Buren street.

* No. 146, Bridgeport, Conn.—Meets every Friday at Sons of Veterans' Hall, 955 Main street. President, Henry Demne, 1287 Pembroke street; recording secretary, E. M. Botsford, P. O. Box 623; financial secretary, F. J. Quinlan, P. O. Box 633.

* No. 147, Anderson, Ind.—Meets every Friday night at Bricklayer's Hall, 909 Main street. President, Jos. T. Griffin, 1022 Main street; recording secretary, Edgar Lindsay, Harter House; financial secretary, C. H. Farrell, 1022 Main street.

* No. 148, Washington, D. C.—Meets Saturday at Arion Hall, 430 Eighth street, northwest. Presi-

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dent, W. J. Fish, Brightwood, D. C.; recording secretary, M. E. Brandenberg, 807 Eighth street, northwest; financial secretary, W. T. Malloy, 408 8th street, northwest.

* No. 149, Aurora, Ill.—Meets second and fourth Tuesdays at Aurora Trade and Labor Assembly Hall, 34 Fox street. President, Wm. C. McAvoyn, 15 S. West street, Aurora, Ill.; recording secretary, John Glennon, 358 Spruce street, Aurora, Ill.; financial secretary, Edward Millhouse, 23 North Broadway, Aurora, Ill.

* No. 150, Bay City, Mich.—Meets second and fourth Tuesdays at A. O. U. W. Hall, corner Center and Adams streets. President, Geo. Affleck, 259 North Sherman street; recording secretary, W. D. Parker, Essexville, Bay County, Mich.; financial secretary, George Trombley, 1805 10th street.

† No. 151, San Francisco, Cal.—Meets every Wednesday at 102 O'Farrell street, corner Stockton. Headquarters, 921 Market street. President, P. O. Peterson, 51 Lily avenue; recording secretary, J. F. Leonard, 1227 Filbert street; financial secretary, James C. Kelly, 50 Webster street.

* No. 152, Ft. Scott, Kan.—Meets first and third Wednesday evenings at B. of L. F. Hall, 701 East Main street. President, C. S. White, 524 Clark street; recording secretary, O. M. Chin, National Hotel; financial secretary, J. E. White, 529 North National avenue.

* No. 153, Marion, Ind.—Meets every Tuesday at Riley Hall, West Third street. President, Ed. M. Robb, care United Telephone Company; recording secretary, W. E. Roberts, 203 South Nebraska street; financial secretary, Don Bowman, 923 West Fourth street.

† No. 154, Rock Island, Ill.—Meets every Thursday night at Turner Hall. President, Chas. Norton, 401 Ninth street, Moline, Ill.; recording secretary, Harry Jeys, 1623½ Third avenue; financial secretary, H. W. Dean, 416 Eighth street.

* No. 155, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Meets every Friday at Labor Hall, Second and Broadway. President, F. Nye, 19 Reno, care Louis House; recording secretary, C. F. Blocher, M. & K Tel. Co.; financial secretary, J. C. Clark, M. & K. Tel. Co.

* No. 156, Ft. Worth, Tex.—Meets first and third Wednesdays at B. T. C. Hall, 406 Main street. President, J. R. Hancock, 1106 Jennings avenue; recording secretary, Lee Stephens, 602 West First street; financial secretary, C. F. Crabtree, City Hall.

* No. 157, Elkhart, Ind.—Meets first and third Thursday in Central Labor Hall, corner Main and Franklin streets. President, Asa Kintzler; recording secretary, H. A. Row, 506 Beardsley avenue; financial secretary, L. D. Whittig.

* No. 158, Temple, Tex.—Meets second and fourth Wednesdays at Odd Fellows' Hall, Post Office Building. President, T. J. Hewitt, Box 335; recording secretary, W. W. Clay, 215 North Fifth; financial secretary, H. S. Newland, 506 South Eleventh street.

* No. 159, Madison, Wis.—Meets second Thursday at Union Hall, State street. President, Wm. Neff, 1316 Dayton street; recording secretary, H. W. Schroeder, 738 Williams street; financial secretary, Hiram Nelson, 426 West Washington avenue.

* No. 160, Zanesville, O.—Meets every Wednesday night at Union Hall, corner Seventh and Main streets. President, John Mangan; recording secretary, W. S. Carleton, 939 Linden avenue; financial secretary, John Haurahan, Ridge avenue.

* No. 161, Uniontown, Pa.—Meets first and third Tuesdays, room 307, First National Bank Bldg., corner Pittsburg and Main street. President, W. P. Franks, 22 Wilson avenue, Uniontown; recording secretary, Walter Keys, 96 South Mt. Vernon avenue, Uniontown; financial secretary, C. Sennet, 16 Locust street, Uniontown.

† No. 162, Omaha, Neb.—Meets every Thursday evening, at Labor Temple, Fifteenth and Dodge streets. President, E. J. Stark, Labor Temple; recording secretary, T. M. Kunsaker, Labor Temple; financial secretary, D. L. Hiatt, Labor Temple.

* No. 163, Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Meets first and third Mondays at Koon's Hall, 88 East Market street. President, J. J. McGlynn, 390 South street; re-

cording secretary, A. F. Lynch 81 North Sherman street; financial secretary, A. B. Swartz, 66 E. North street.

† No. 164, Jersey City, N. J.—Meets Monday, Fehren's Hall, 188 Beacon avenue. President, Jos. Brennan, 60 Twelfth street, Hoboken; recording secretary, Edward Lynch, 300 Barrow street; financial secretary, Edw. F. Kenna, 1119 Washington street, Hoboken.

* No. 165, Newport News, Va.—Meets every other Tuesday evening at C. L. U. Hall, corner Thirty-second street and Washington avenue. President, C. E. Hamilton; recording secretary, S. Eggleston, 226 Twenty-seventh street; financial secretary, R. A. Gentis.

* No. 166, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.—Meets second and fourth Thursdays at Trades Hall, corner Market and Main. President, J. S. Milen, 647 Elgin avenue; financial secretary, C. H. Wilks, 708 McDermott avenue; corresponding and press secretary, W. Girard, 114 Hallet street.

* No. 167, Pittsfield, Mass.—Meets first and third Mondays at Old England Block, North street. President, Fred A. Wood, 235 Fourth street; recording secretary, Wm. S. DeForest, 8 Cherry street; financial secretary, Fred J. Speckin, 164 Beaver street.

* No. 168, Parkersburg, W. Va.

* No. 169, Fresno, Cal.—Meets second and fourth Mondays at Edgerly's Hall, corner I and Tulare streets. President, Henry Stewart, 129 Diana street, Fresno; recording secretary, B. M. Collins, 1835 F street, Fresno; financial secretary, Clarke Steger, Box 64, Fresno.

* No. 170, Mason City, Iowa.—Meets first and third Saturday evenings at Howe's Hall, cor. Fifth and Main streets. President, Max Gorman, 233 West Miller street; recording secretary, Ray F. Coe, care of Brice Gas & Electric Co.; financial secretary, H. M. Cranshaw, 321 West Miller street.

* No. 171, Ann Arbor, Mich.—Meets first and second Saturdays at A. A. Trades Council Hall, South Main street. President, George Haegir, Ypsilanti; recording secretary, Walter Josslyon, Ypsilanti; financial secretary, Samuel Watt, 141 Meeting street.

* No. 172, Newark, Ohio.—Meets every Friday night at I. B. E. W. Hall, Church street. President, V. H. Effinger, Box 252, Newark, Ohio; recording secretary, D. S. Hollister, Newark, Ohio; financial secretary, S. C. Alsdorf.

* No. 173, Ottumwa, Iowa.—Meets first and third Saturday at Labor Hall. President, James Poling, 217 South Schuyler street; recording secretary, John Mitchell, Ottumwa Traction & Light Co.; financial secretary, W. D. Farrell, 225 Wapello street.

* No. 174, Mansfield, Ohio.—Meets every other Thursday at Trades Council Hall, North Main street. President, F. M. Buttler; recording secretary, Harry Kissane; financial secretary, Wm. Williams, 230 East Second street.

No. 175, Benton Harbor, Mich.—President, C. C. Maddux; recording secretary, R. G. Moats, 322 Lafayette street; financial secretary, E. W. Mason.

* No. 176, Joliet, Ill.—Meets every Wednesday at Labor Hall, Jefferson and Ottawa street. President, J. W. Gates, 206 South Ottawa street; recording secretary, J. W. Welch, 304 Western avenue; financial secretary, W. D. Mullinix, 213 Beach street.

* No. 177, Paducah, Ky.—President, G. P. Croumbaugh, 403 North Seventh street; recording secretary, W. Marlow, 305 North Fourth street; financial secretary, H. C. Rawling, 326 North Fourth street.

* No. 178, Canton, Ohio.—Meets first and third Wednesday at Browns Conservatory Block, West Tar street. President, E. S. Ellis, 215 West Fifth street; recording secretary, J. H. Arnold, 1025 Obey avenue; financial secretary, J. C. Taylor, 1210 Linden avenue.

* No. 179, Charleston S. C.—Meets every Tuesday at Glee Club Hall, 39 George street. President, I. W. Foster, 88 Society street; recording and financial secretary, Samuel Webb, 141 Meeting street.

* No. 180, Vallejo, Cal.—Meets first Friday at Labor Association Hall, Sacramento street. President, Charles A. Pracht, 317 Kentucky st.

financial and recording secretary, Frank N. Kilian, 418 Georgia street.

¹No. 181, Utica, N. Y.—Meets third Tuesday at Labor Temple, Hotel street, Utica, New York. President, John Greenwood, 21 William street; recording secretary, Herman Wameeling, 247 Seymour avenue; financial secretary, Michael E. Hooks, New Hartford, New York.

*No. 182, Montreal, Can.—Meets every first and third Wednesday at St. Joseph's Hall, St. Elizabeth street. President, J. E. Hilton, 23 Latour street; recording secretary, Arthur Wilson Walsh, 540 Sanguinet street; financial secretary, F. W. Cotten, 534 St. Antoine street.

*No. 183, Lexington, Ky.—Meets every Wednesday at Lexington, Ky., 22 West Main street. President, F. Clock, 49 North Mill street; recording secretary, M. Welch, 182 North Walnut street; financial secretary, C. D. Rothenberger, 227 North Upper street.

*No. 184, Galesburg, Ill.—Meets first and third Wednesdays of every month at Trades Assembly Hall, corner Main and Boone avenue. President, E. R. Hashinger, 540 West Brooks street; recording secretary, C. E. Kerr, 113 South Prairie street; financial secretary, J. H. Shull, 266 Dufield avenue.

?No. 185, Boston, Mass.—Meets second and fourth Thursdays at Ancient Landmark Hall, 3 Boylston Place. President, R. Lever, 43 Pinkney street, Boston; recording secretary, A. Y. Laidlaw, 34 Crescent avenue, Dorchester, Mass.; financial secretary, J. S. Kavanaugh, 27 Oakdale street, Jamaica Plains, Mass.

¹No. 186, Hartford, Conn.—Meets every Tuesday at Stationary Engineers' Hall, Times Bldg. President, O. O. Butler, 41 Arch street, New Britain, Conn.; recording secretary, G. K. Spring, 731 Asylum avenue; financial secretary, C. B. McDonald, 144 Governor street.

*No. 187, Oshkosh, Wis.—Meets every Tuesday night at Stationary Engineers' Hall, cor. Main and Pearl streets. President, Robert Waters, 137 Wangen street; recording secretary, J. R. Mentzel, Ceape street; financial secretary, P. S. Bixby, 206 Scott street.

?No. 188, Dallas, Tex.—Meets every Wednesday at Hub Hall, Main street. President, A. L. Jamison, 159 Main street; recording secretary, J. W. Wilkinson, 952 Live Oak street; financial secretary, Charles Dietz, 301 Main street.

?No. 189, St. Louis, Mo.—Meets every second and fourth Friday at Lightstone's Hall, Eleventh and Franklin avenue. President, John C. Westfall, 4429 Garfield avenue; recording secretary, Wm. H. Pfeifer, 3837 North Market street; financial secretary, G. J. Rolwes, 4347 College avenue.

?No. 190, Newark, N. J.—Meets second and fourth Mondays at Shawgers Hall, corner Roseville avenue and Orange street. President, Morris R. W. Sch, 115 Dickerson street; recording secretary, Joseph Heines, 181 North Second street; financial secretary, Joseph R. Hoch, 320 New street.

*No. 191, Everett, Wash.—Meets Monday at Labor Temple, 2320 Lombard street. President, Charles Crickmore, 3004 Rockefeller avenue; recording secretary, Edward F. Burkhardt, 2727 Wetmore avenue; financial secretary, L. V. Harper, P. O. Box 228.

*No. 192, Memphis, Tenn.—Meets every Tuesday at Central Labor Temple. President, W. M. Hay, 56 Maribel avenue; recording secretary, Geo. A. Huibert, 140 Union street; financial secretary, H. O. McInturff, 148 Adams street.

*No. 193, Springfield, Ill.—Meets every Tuesday at I. B. E. W. Hall, 210½ South Fifth street. President, Wm. Chiles, 1216 East Jackson street; recording secretary, John Mansfield, 1007 East Cook street; financial secretary, L. B. Johnson, 528 North Fifth street.

*No. 194, Shreveport, La.—Meets every Tuesday at Building Trades Hall, corner Corn and Texas streets. President, T. C. Clenny, Shreveport, La.; recording secretary, R. G. Auhitehead, Arcade Hotel; financial secretary, F. M. Jones, P. O. Box 250.

*No. 195, Marietta, O.—Meets every Thursday at Trades Labor Hall, corner Second and Tyner-way streets. President, A. T. Willey, Marietta Tel. Company; recording secretary, Wm. H. Reed, 21½ Fifth street; financial secretary, E. Davis, Box No. 584.

*No. 196, Rockford, Ill.—Meets first and third Fridays at I. B. E. W. Hall, 311 West State street. President, C. B. Bennett, 224 South Church street; recording secretary, W. E. Kelly, 709 Green street; financial secretary, H. T. Lawson, 1109 Third avenue.

*No. 197, Bloomington, Ill.—Meets every Friday at Electrical Workers' Hall, over 106 West Front street. President, J. J. Eversole, P. O. Box 274; recording secretary, C. J. Winters, P. O. Box 274; financial secretary, S. O. Bond, Box 274.

*No. 198, Dubuque, Iowa.—Meets second and fourth Wednesdays at Eickhorn Hall, Thirteenth and Clay street; President, G. D. Johnson, Fourteenth and Clay streets; recording secretary, F. L. Jess; Seventh and Iowa; financial secretary, John N. Krachl, Facade Building.

*No. 199, St. Louis, Mo.—Meets first and third Tuesdays at Electrical Workers' Hall, No. 1028 Franklin avenue. President, T. F. Lapping, 3929a McRee avenue; recording secretary, C. T. Hinds, 3111 N. Grand avenue; financial secretary, D. J. Collins, 3875 Juniata street.

*No. 200, Anaconda, Mont.—President, B. W. Smith; recording secretary, J. C. Reed, P. O. Box 483; financial secretary, H. J. Hamilton, 617 Spruce street.

[†]No. 201, Appleton, Wis.—Meets first and third Tuesday of each month at Master Trades Rooms, corner Edward and Appleton streets. President, J. Daily, 670 Eighth street; recording secretary, C. H. Mackey, 667 Appleton street; financial secretary, N. J. Denester, 665 Appleton street.

[†]No. 202, Seattle, Wash.—Meets second Tuesday of each month at Sternberg Building, 1807 Seventh street. President, R. C. Williams, 508 Fifth avenue; recording secretary, R. Douglass, Eighth avenue west and Blaine; financial secretary, J. H. Brickley, 4015 First avenue northeast.

*No. 203, Champaign, Ill.—Meets first and last Tuesday night of each month, at Percival Hall, corner of Neil street and University avenue. President, Frank Lester, No. 307 East Oregon street, Urbana, Ill.; recording secretary, A. L. Chandler, 406 West Vine street, Champaign; financial secretary, R. A. Sexton, 203 West Columbia avenue, Champaign.

[†]No. 204, Springfield, Ohio.—Meets first and third Fridays at Johnson Building, corner W. Main street and Walnut alley. President, T. C. Rotsel, 112 South Center street; recording secretary, H. S. Copeland, 198 Linden avenue; financial secretary, William Rilea, 108 East Columbia street.

*No. 205, Jackson, Mich.—Meets every Thursday night at Labor Hall, corner Jackson and Main streets. President, E. Osborne, 511 North Jackson street; recording secretary, Ernest Wideman, 345 Park avenue; financial secretary, F. G. Layher, 508 East Biddle street.

*No. 206, Hamilton, Ohio.—Meets every Thursday night at 8 p. m., in K. O. T. M. Hall, corner Third and Court streets. President, Peter Hovis, financial secretary, H. Ed Herrmann, 28 South B street.

*No. 207, Stockton, Cal.—Meets every Tuesday, at Turner Hall, 110 North Hunter street. President, Frank Ellison, 229 South San Joaquin street; recording secretary, Wm. E. Lee, 539 South American street; financial secretary, James R. Wagner, 603 West Park street.

*No. 208, Muscatine, Iowa.—Meets second and fourth Fridays of each month at Trades and Labor Assembly Hall, 105-107 Iowa avenue. President, L. P. Davis, 111 East Fourth street; recording secretary, C. U. Frack, 304 East Fifth street; financial secretary, W. F. Demorest, 206 East Second street.

*No. 209, Logansport, Ind.—Meets every Thursday night at Painters' Hall, 238½ Market street; President, Nate Costenborder, 320 Race street; recording secretary, A. L. Wheeler, 414 Tenth street; financial secretary, J. Clingenpeel, 414 Tenth street.

[†]No. 210, Atlantic City, N. J.—Meets first and fourth Wednesdays at Room No. 1, I. O. O. F. Hall, New York avenue, between Atlantic and Pacific avenues. President, Jas. T. Dorman, 1915 Caspian avenue; recording secretary, Newton Cramer, Rear 12 South Ohio avenue; financial secretary, C. H. Towne, Ho. Lincoln Inn, 9 South Mt. Vernon avenue.

[†]No. 211, Atlantic City, N. J.—Financial secretary, J. F. Moore, 32 North Congress avenue.

[†]No. 212, Cincinnati, O.—Meets every Wednesday at Southwest corner Twelfth and Vine streets. President, Joseph Cullen, 952 West Sixth street; recording secretary, Harry Falquet, 1125 Jackson street; financial secretary, W. B. Kelley, 321 Pike street.

* No. 213, Vancouver, B. C.—Meets second and fourth Wednesdays at O'Brien's Hall, corner Hastings and Horner streets. President, H. A. Mac Donald, 1182 Robson street; recording secretary, S. W. Huston, Carter House; financial secretary, H. V. Rankin, 126 East Cordova street.

* No. 214, Olean, N. Y.—Meets every Thursday at Fountain Hose House, First street. President, J. E. Dower, Olean, N. Y., care of O. E. L. & Pr. Co.; recording secretary, F. E. Dellenger, 128 South Twelfth street; financial secretary, W. N. White, Box 424, Olean, N. Y.

* No. 215, Hot Springs, Ark.—Meets every Tuesday night at Trade's Council Hall, Chapel street. President, J. T. Smith; recording secretary, E. L. McElroy, P. O. Box 374; financial secretary, J. C. Haines, P. O. Box 374.

* No. 216, Owensboro, Ky.—Meets every Thursday at Lineman Hall, 315½ Frederick street. President, A. D. Taught, City Light Plant; recording secretary, R. L. Woods; financial secretary, E. L. Mitchell, 420 W. Fourth street.

[†]No. 217, Seattle Wash.—Meets Mondays at Waitresses Hall, Second and Pike streets. President, W. W. Morgan, 217 Battery street; recording secretary, Daniel Buck, 1418 Sixth avenue; financial secretary, A. Whitlock, 1204½ Second avenue.

* No. 218, Sharon, Pa.—Meets every Tuesday night at A. O. U. W. Hall, Shenango and River streets. President, E. E. Carson, No. 25 Pennsylvania avenue; recording secretary, Frank Schoof, No. 15 Porter street; financial secretary, H. W. Rice, P. O. Box No. 80, Sharon, Pa.

* No. 219, Sullivan, Ind.—Meets first and third Tuesday night at Electric Plant Building. President, S. M. Riggs; recording secretary, J. E. Stanfield, Sullivan, Ind.; financial secretary, N. S. Worley.

[‡]No. 220, Rochester, N. Y.—Meets first and third Tuesdays at Durand Building, West Main street. President, Joseph V. Richards, 6 Wolf street; recording secretary, Frank A. Yatteau, 17 Gregory street; financial secretary, E. A. Thompson, Flat No. 14, 435 Main street east

[†]No. 221, Beaumont, Tex.—Meets every Friday night at Eagle's Hall, on Main street, near Crocket. President, J. DeVoke, Box 561; recording secretary, L. B. Russell, Box 561; financial secretary, O. H. Ryan, Box 561.

* No. 222, Lafayette, Ind.—Meets first and third Thursday at Labor Temple, Sixth and Main streets. President, A. A. Sargent, 418 North Fifth street; recording secretary, H. Davis, West Lafayette, Ind.; financial secretary, J. Edwards, 1002 North Eighth street.

[†]No. 223, Brockton, Mass.—Meets second and Fourth Monday at Red Men's Hall, 47 Center street. President, Harry R. Allen, 46 Fuller street; recording secretary, Everett W. Cole, 416 School street, Whitman, Mass.; financial secretary, Arthur B. Spencer, 228 Crescent street.

* No. 224, Ft. Dodge, Iowa.—Meets second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Painters Hall, 63½ Central avenue; President, P. V. Jones, Gates Flat; recording secretary, C. W. Newton, Fourth A. North and Tenth street; financial secretary, Henry C. Cox, Ft. Dodge, Iowa.

* No. 225, Topeka, Kans.—Meets every Thursday at Trades' and Labor Hall, 420 Kansas avenue. President, Dan Mullane, P. O. Box 14; recording secretary, A. F. Roby, P. O. Box 14; financial secretary, T. E. Vesper, P. O. Box 14.

[†]No. 226, Cedar Rapids, Iowa—Meets first and third Tuesday at Dow's Block, Second avenue and Second street. President, S. S. Conrad, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; recording secretary, G. B. Bush, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; financial secretary, John A. Dale, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

[†]No. 227, Birmingham, Ala.—Meets every Wednesday night at Fox's Hall, corner Fourth avenue and 19th street. President, R. T. Parham, 2217

Third avenue; recording secretary, J. A. Simmons, 110½ N. Twenty-first street; financial secretary, G. W. Brown, 312 N. Eighteenth street.

* No. 228, Oil City, Pa.—Meets first and third Tuesdays at K. of P. Hall, Center and Elm streets. President, H. Bocel, 19 Grove avenue; recording secretary, W. A. Humes; financial secretary, J. W. Bullock, 212 East South Second street.

* No. 229, Manchester, N. H.—Meets second and fourth Tuesdays of month at Building and Trades Council Hall, Elm street. President, W. G. Fraser, 53 Penacook street; recording secretary, W. E. Brocklebank, 28 Hanover street; financial secretary, B. T. Farrell, 31 Armory street.

* No. 230 Victoria, B. C.—Meets every second and fourth Thursday at Labor Hall, corner Douglas and Johnson streets. President, C. C. McKenzie, Douglas street; recording secretary, Frank R. Shapeland, 29 Mears street; financial secretary, E. C. Knight, 37 David Street.

[†]No. 231, Grand Rapids, Mich.—Meets second and fourth Friday evenings of each month at Lincoln Club Rooms, 66 Pearl street. President, J. Lavands, 218 North Union street; recording secretary, V. L. Fausey, 570 South East street; financial secretary, H. R. Erdmann, 449 Terrace avenue.

No. 232, Schenectady, N. Y.—Second and Fourth Tuesdays, at Bradt-Yates Building, corner Center and State streets. President, A. Nuttall, 4 Harvard street; recording secretary, C. H. Tinke, 761 E. Liberty street; financial secretary, E. Burnham, 119 Guilderland avenue.

[†]No. 233, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Meets every Thursday at Building Labors Hall, over 12 East Huernano street. President, James L. Smith, 732 East Kiowa street; recording secretary, Robt. J. Clark, 114 North Weber; financial secretary, S. C. Swisher, 425 East Boulder street.

* No. 234, Schenectady, N. Y.—President, R. E. Ellis; recording secretary, M. Cummings; financial secretary, Geo. B. Gerdling, 21 North street.

[†]No. 235, Cincinnati, Ohio.—Meets Thursday nights at No. 30 East Fifth street. President, C. R. Baker, 30 East Fifth street; recording secretary, Jos. Early, 2019 Breen Street; financial secretary, M. L. Purkey, 1338 Main street.

* No. 236, Streator, Ill.—Meets every Monday night at Casey's Hall, 105 E. Main street. President, H. M. Griffith, 605 Glass street; recording secretary, Boyd Huffly, Streator Ind. Tel. Co.; financial secretary, Marshal Zack, 207 W. Lincoln avenue.

* No. 237, Lorain, Ohio.—Meets first and third Thursday in each month at I. O. O. F. Hall, Broadway. President, R. Lindsay, No. 8 Wilson Block; recording secretary, E. P. Barnes, 306 Hamilton street, Lorain, O.; financial secretary, A. C. Marsh, Elyria, O.

* No. 238, Asheville, N. C.—Meets every Saturday at C. L. U. Hall, 39 Patton avenue. President John Lang, W. U. Tel. Co.; recording secretary, J. H. Graham, 140 Bailey street; financial secretary, J. N. Welch, W. U. Tel. Co.

No. 239, Newark, N. J.—Electric fixtures, hangers and fitters.—Meets first and third Tuesday at Electrical Workers Hall, 236 Washington street. President, Wm. G. Schuessler, 241 Camden street; recording secretary, Harry Schnarr, 185 North Fourth street; financial secretary, Michael Tanenbaum, 204½ Bergen street.

No. 240, Philadelphia, Pa.—Telephone.—Meets every Thursday at Morning Star Hall, northeast corner of Ninth and Callowhill streets. President, J. D. Blair, 866 Baily street, city; recording secretary, J. C. Boone, 2330 Coral street, city; financial secretary, John Barker, 1512 Fountain street, city.

[†]No. 241, Dayton, Ohio.—Meets every second and fourth Friday night at Delister Post Hall, 26 North Main street. President, J. E. Hannah, 43 Holt street; recording secretary, Thos. Fisher, 54 Logan street; financial secretary, Charles Reiter, 911 West Third street.

*No. 242, Decatur, Ill.—Meets every Friday night at Room 416, Powers' Building, 130 South Water street. President, E. O. Baker, 978 West Corri-gordo street; recording secretary, J. Simon, 41

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- Powers Block; financial secretary, A. Frazier, 416 Powers Block.
- *No. 243 **Vincennes, Ind.**—Meets Wednesday night at Electric Light Plant Hall corner Twelfth and Church street. President, H. O. Sharr, Vincennes; recording secretary, Chas. Kissick, Vincennes; financial secretary, Chas. Green, 317 Busseron street.
- †No. 244, **East Mauch Chunk, Pa.**—Meets first and third Sunday, 2 p. m., at Hess' Hall, Center street, between Fourth and Fifth. President, James O'Donnell, East Mauch Chunk; recording secretary, Charles Huber, East Mauch Chunk; financial secretary, J. P. Tracy, East Mauch Chunk.
- †No. 245, **Toledo, O.**—Meets every Thursday night at Phoenix Hall, Cherry street near Summit. President, Paul Horn, 816 Utah street; recording secretary, A. B. Cole, 3119 Monroe street; financial secretary, Jacob Snyder, 536 South Erie street.
- *No. 246, **Steubenville, O.**—Meets first and third Wednesday at Druids' Hall, North Fourth street. President, Frank Baker, Brilliant, Ohio; recording secretary, S. M. Richards, 100 East South street; financial secretary, Fred. M. Ross, 418 North Fifth street.
- No. 247, **Schenectady, N. Y.**—Meets first and third Fridays of each month at Trades Assembly Hall, State street, near Canal bridge. President, J. W. Rediker, 122 Barret street; recording secretary, John Stevens, 21 Van Gysling avenue; financial secretary, Jos. Greenfield.
- *No. 248, **Chillicothe, Ohio.**—Meets first and third Sundays at Federal Labor Union Hall, 153 East Fifth street. President, E. O. Jackson, 232 Vine street; recording secretary, Strawder Swyers, Colonial Hotel; financial secretary, W. B. Goodwin, 354 South Paint street.
- *No. 249, **St. Catharines, Ontario.**—Meets second and fourth Tuesday, each month, at Trades and Labor Hall, St. Paul street. President, Fred C. Crawford, St. Catharines, Ontario; recordings secretary, Thomas McIntosh, St. Catharines, Ontario; financial secretary, Bert Markle, St. Catharines, Ont.
- *No. 250 **San Jose, Cal.**—Meets every Tuesday in Building Trades Council Hall, First and Post streets. President, H. Laughlin, 124 W. San Fernando street; recording secretary, F. W. Bustin, 57 South Fourth street; financial secretary, J. H. Hilton, 332 N. Third street.
- *No. 251, **Pine Bluff, Ark.**—Meets first and third Fridays, I.O.O.F. Hall, Second and Main streets. President, S.W. Maxson, care S. W. T. and T. Co.; recording secretary, B. R. Brown, P. O. Box 28; financial secretary, J. W. Johnson, P. O. Box 23.
- *No. 252, **Schenectady, N. Y.**—Meets first and third Thursday at Ellis' Building, State street. President, William P. Copeland, 738 State street; recording secretary, Ralph Lathroup, 7 Landon Terrace; financial secretary, C. A. Bates, Box 655.
- *No. 253, **Cedar Rapids, Iowa.**—Meets second and fourth Thursdays at Federation Hall, corner First avenue and Second street. President, Chas. A. Eisentraut, care Iowa Tel. Co.; recording secretary, R. A. Simons, 511 S. Eighth street west; financial secretary, E. E. Koontz, care Iowa Tel. Co.
- No. 254, **Schenectady, N. Y.**—Meets second and fourth Tuesdays at Machinists Hall, State and Jay streets. President, Jno. Cornick, 150 Strong street; recording secretary, A. M. Franchois 258 Broadway; financial secretary, Ed. Kenetyl, 362 Lafayette street.
- *No. 255, **Augusta, Ga.**—Financial secretary, O. C. Furlong, 944 Feawick street.
- *No. 256, **Jackson, Miss.**—Meets every Tuesday night at No. 1 Fire Company Hall, corner State and Amite street. President, W. G. Lawson, care of Edwards Hotel Co.; recording secretary, J. W. Hansberry, P. O. Box 126; financial secretary, J. H. Hansberry, P. O. Box 126.
- *No. 257, **Herkimer, N. Y.**—Meets at Assembly Hall, North Main street. President, E. L. McMillian, 228 Mohawk street; recording secretary, Chas. Foits, 311 Eastern avenue; financial secretary, H. Vilhaner, 223 Perry street.
- †No. 258, **Povidence, R. I.**—Meets every Friday at Hanley Building Washington street. Presi-
- dent, T. J. McCarty, 53 Darmouth avenue; recording secretary, F. S. Gallagher, 39 Hilton street Pawtucket, R. I.; financial secretary, J. F. Noon, 69 Union avenue.
- *No. 259, **Salem, Mass.**—Meets first and third Tuesdays at I. O. O. F. Hall, Washington street. President, E. A. Oliver, 3 Granite street; recording and financial secretary, F. A. Coker, 41 March street.
- *No. 260, **Geneva, N. Y.**—Meets every Sunday at Retail Clerks' Hall, 16 Exchange street. President, Arthur Harris, Geneva Hotel; recording secretary, J. Newman, Park Hotel; financial secretary, J. D. Huff, Park Hotel.
- †No. 261, **Saratoga Springs, N. Y.**—First and third Wednesday, Phythian Hall, 46½ Broadway. President, Chas. A. Druette; recording secretary, Leonard Ager, 11 Maple avenue; financial secretary, Wm. H. Owen, 42½ Caroline street.
- *No. 262, **Pullman, Ill.**—Meets second and fourth Mondays at K. of P. Hall, 111 Place. President, Wm. Street, 424 Stephenson street, Pullman, Ill; recording secretary, C. D. Bowman, 6331 Calumet avenue Chicago; financial secretary, Fred. Bruder, 1855 Ninety-fifth street, Chicago.
- *No. 263, **Shamokin, Pa.**—Meets Thursday evening at 7.30, Room 7, Seiler Zimmerman Building, Independence street. President, Harry T. Morgan, corner Pine and Diamond streets; recording secretary, Rosser Samuels, 118 Poplar street; financial secretary, Ed. Roth, 49 East Sunbury street.
- †No. 264, **Pittsfield, Mass.**—Meets every Friday at 8 o'clock p. m., in Old England Block. President, F. C. Hustis, 48 Church street; recording secretary, H. E. Mountfort, 112 Elizabeth street; financial secretary, C. C. Rowley, Tyler street.
- *No. 265, **Lincoln, Neb.**—Meets every Thursday night at Labor Hall, 130 South Tenth street. President, Mark T. Caster, Lincoln; recording secretary, R. D. Howard, Lincoln; financial secretary, T. E. Arundel, 660 Nineteenth street.
- *No. 266, **Sedalia, Mo.**—Meets every Thursday at Glass Hall, corner Third and Lamine streets. President L. Eisman, 705 East Fifteenth street; recording secretary, Jno. W. Henerman, northwest corner Jefferson and Ohio streets; financial secretary, Milo I. Spahr, 312 West Eleventh street.
- ?No. 267, **Schenectady, N. Y.**—Meets first and third Saturday, at K. of C. Hall, Gazette Building. President, B. A. Cawley, 77 Second avenue; recording secretary, C. W. Nitz, 893 Emmett street; financial secretary, L. Beyer, 19 Swan street.
- *No. 268, **Newport, R. I.**—First and third Fridays, at St. George's Hall, Thames street. President, C. W. Holmes, 14 Bliss Road; recording secretary, Charles A. Bloom, 29 Denniston street; financial secretary, F. A. Bloom, 1 Harrison avenue.
- *No. 269, **Princeton, Ind.**—Meets every second Sunday afternoon at Woodman Hall, 109 Broadway street. President, E. P. Maxwell, 527 South Hart street; recording secretary, Lewis S. Kell, 211 South Seminary street; financial secretary, L. S. Kell, 109 North Prince street.
- †No. 270, **Augusta, Ga.**—Meets every Wednesday night at Red Men's Hall, Broad and Jackson streets. President, Luke Collins, 1430 Broad street; recording secretary, H. B. Mitchell, 1523 Estus street; financial secretary, W. P. O'Keefe, 730 Calhoun street.
- *No. 271, **Altoona, Pa.**—First and third Monday, each month, Carpenter's Hall, Eleventh avenue and Thirteenth street. President, H. H. Baker, 102½ Chest avenue, Altoona, Pa.; recording secretary, F. T. Kleffman, 910 Lexington avenue; financial secretary, Esse T. Campbell, 1402 18th avenue.
- *No. 272, **Sherman, Texas.**—Meets first and third Tuesdays, at Union Hall, southwest corner square. President, W. E. Burney, care Grayson Tel. Co.; recording secretary, E. F. Jerger, care Grayson Tel. Co.; financial secretary, E. O. Kurtz, S. W. Tel. Co.
- *No. 273, **Clinton, Iowa.**—Meets second and fourth Wednesdays, at Labor Temple, Fifth avenue. President, J. J. Davie, 202 South Second street; recording secretary, O. A. Prest, 425 Dewitt

street; financial secretary, C. C. Mathiesen, 629 Stockholm street.

*No. 274, Marquette, Wis.—Meets second and fourth Thursday at Traders Council Hall, Main street. President, Edwin A. Golden, Wells street; recording secretary, N. Welsh, 1555 Ludington street; financial secretary, F. E. McWayne, 1838 Stephenson street.

*No. 275, Muskegon, Mich.—Meets Tuesdays at Trades and Labor Hall, Western avenue. President, J. J. Collins, 205 Houston avenue; recording secretary, W. S. Krebs, 54 Western avenue; financial secretary, C. B. Morey, 32 Mills avenue.

*No. 276, West Superior, Wis.—Meets first and third Wednesdays, at Union Hall, Hammond Block, corner Lower and Winter streets. President, W. H. Buckley, 1705 Broadway; recording secretary, J. R. Tillotson, 1620 Oaks avenue; financial secretary, Alex. Leverty, 1821 Belknap street.

No. 277, Kingston, N. Y.

†No. 278, Rock Island, Ill.—Meets first and third Friday of each month at Turner Hall, Third avenue, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, Rock Island, Ill. President, George Morris, 2325 Sixth avenue, Moline, Ill.; recording secretary, Henry Helperthauser, Eleventh street and Eleventh avenue, Rock Island, Ill.; financial secretary, Jay C. Mead, 1015 Perry street, Davenport, Iowa.

No. 279, Chicago, Ill.—(Armature winders.)—Meets every Tuesday night at 196 Washington street. President, Jas. A. Pepper, 1702 Dewey court; recording secretary, F. M. Mielke, 1001 N. Kedry ave.; financial secretary, A. Elbel, 815 West Fulton street.

*No. 280, Hammond, Ind.—Meets first and third Monday at Roth's Hall, 92 State street, second floor. President, Frank Cooley, 250 Sibley street; recording secretary, S. J. Carpenter, 312 Walter street; financial secretary, C. G. King, 319 Truman street.

?No. 281, New Orleans, La.—Meets first Friday in each month at P. McMahon's Hall, corner of Callope and Dryades streets. President, Chas. Kister, 2719 First street; recording secretary, E. G. Spooner, 1727 Berlin street; financial secretary, George Lorrick, 6059 Constance street.

No. 282, Chicago, Ill.—Financial secretary, A. J. Fawcett, 5211 Bishop street.

?No. 283 San Francisco, Cal.—Meet Tuesday evening in Labor Temple, 117 Turk street. President, J. Ed. Barton, 2105 Vine street, Berkley, Cal.; recording secretary, Jere P. Connihan, 624 Shotwell street; financial secretary, William F. Coyle, 1726 Twelfth avenue south.

No. 284 Rochester, N. Y.—(Station men.)—Meets second and fourth Thursday evenings at Odenbach Hall, over 12 North Water street. President, A. D. Rees, 211 Frost avenue; recording secretary, George M. Lampman, 96 Alexander street; financial secretary, S. B. Russell, 157 Cady street;

?No. 285, Lynn, Mass.—Financial secretary, F. Pierce, 479 Essex street.

No. 286, New Albany, Ind.—Meets every Monday night at Cigar Makers' Hall, State street, between Spring and Market. President, John Plaiss, 217 E. Main street; recording secretary, Henry Seigel, 511 E. Ninth street; financial secretary, O. L. Biel, 1103 E. Oak street.

*No. 287, Philadelphia, Pa.—Meets every Wednesday evening in hall located at No. 287 N. 9th street. President, J. F. Greaves, 1630 Vine street; recording secretary, C. H. Waterman, 2355 Cleveland avenue; financial secretary, H. T. Ulmer, 2355 Cleveland avenue.

*No. 288, Waterloo, Iowa.—Meets every second and fourth Fridays at Building Trades Council Hall, Middleditch Block. President, R. O. Dusk, corner Reil and Broadway; recording secretary, E. W. Fisher, Iowa Tel. Company; financial secretary, S. D. Kimball, care Iowa Tel. Company.

?No. 289, Hagerstown, Md.—Meets first and third Thursday of each month at 19 North Jonathan street. President, E. Walters, 12 East Lee street; recording secretary, Hugh B. Mongan, 229 South Locust street; financial secretary, Geo. Ridgely, Hoffman Building.

*No. 290, Danville, Ill.—Meets first and third Tuesdays in each month at I. B. E. W. Hall, East Main street. President, Ross Hester, 23 North Franklin street; recording secretary, C. F. Barclay, 615 Main street; financial secretary, P. Baum.

*No. 291, Boise City, Idaho.—Meets every Thursday at Labor Hall, 524 W. Main street. President, W. N. Maxwell, 1819 River street; financial secretary, J. D. McCune, Pacific Hotel.

?No. 292, Minneapolis, Minn.—Financial secretary, G. W. See, 926 Plymouth avenue, N.

No. 293, North Adams, Mass.—Financial secretary, Edw. S. Boylan, 18 School street.

†No. 294, Muncie, Ind.—Meets every Tuesday night at hall corner Main and Mulberry streets. President, Fred. Kaiser, Magic City Hotel; recording secretary, W. E. Priest, 719 Powers street; financial secretary, Harry B. Kent, St. John's House.

*No. 295, Glens Falls, N. Y.—Meets first Monday in each month at Hibernians' Hall, Glen street. President, T. J. Sheehy, Park place, Glens Falls, N. Y.; recording secretary, J. W. Moore, Fort Edward, N. Y.; financial secretary, Geo. V. Granger, Glens Falls, N. Y.

No. 296, Green Bay, Wis.—Financial secretary, Robt. Dittmer, 1008 Main street.

†No. 297, Piqua, Ohio.—Meet every Wednesday at Plock's Hall, 114½ North Main street. President, Clark Reed, 617 North River, Piqua, O.; recording secretary, Frank Brun, 117 South Main street; financial secretary, A. W. Davis, Perdieu House, Piqua, O.

No. 298, San Francisco.—(Street car men.) Meets first and third Mondays at Unity Hall, 20 Eddy street. President, W. B. Haskell, 435 29th street; recording secretary, P. A. Clifford, 3327 17th street; financial secretary, William D. Thomas, 30 Bourbon place.

†No. 299, Camden, N. J.—Meets every Thursday at Mannerchor Hall, 1157 Federal street. President, Michael Buggy, 800 Fern street; recording secretary, William G. Fullerton, 1117 Maple street; financial secretary, H. B. Frazier, 800 Kimber street.

*No. 300, Auburn, N. Y.—Meets first and third Thursdays, at C. M. B. A. Hall, Franklin street. President, T. B. Cahill, Hotel Brunswick; recording secretary, J. J. Glynn, 27 Derby avenue; financial secretary, T. H. Mohan, 1 School street.

*No. 301, Texarkana, Ark.—Meets every Wednesday night at Trades Council Hall, 202½ Broad streets. President, W. R. Clark, 215 Vine street; recording secretary, Ed. Hawley, Texarkana Tel. Company; financial secretary, A. Manders, 214 Walnut street.

†No. 302, Peoria, Ill.—Meets First and third Tuesdays at 218 Main street. President, E. C. Gregg, 913 First avenue; recording secretary, John Bornholdt, 1131 S. Adams street; financial secretary, L. C. Crawley, 115 Dechman street.

*No. 303, Lincoln, Ill.—Meets first and third Wednesday of each month, in Painters' Hall, 505½ Pulaski street. President, C. S. Ransdell, 644½ Third street; recording secretary, H. J. Bellin, 804 Clinton street; financial secretary, C. E. Chowning, 802 Delavan street.

†No. 304, New Haven, Conn.—Meets every Tuesday night at Room 11 Masonic Temple Building, 708 Chapel street. President, Wm. G. Quinlan, 249 Harvard avenue; recording secretary, C. B. Thorpe, Y. M. C. A. Building; financial secretary, Phil. W. Reiley, 69 Nash street.

*No. 305, Salt Lake City, Utah.—Meets Wednesday evenings at Electrical Workers' Hall, 11 W. First street south. President, W. G. Workman, 261 East First south; recording secretary, R. E. Baxter, 541 South Ninth east; financial secretary, W. N. Grams, P. O. Box 967.

*No. 306, Albuquerque, New Mex.—Meets first and third Tuesdays at Carpenter's Hall, Gold avenue and Third street. President, B. Moe, 613 South Arno street; recording secretary, E. R. Hotelling, 110 Gold avenue; financial secretary, W. B. Moore, 607 Mountain Road.

*No. 307, Cumberland, Md.—Meets every Thursday night at Room No. 11 McCleave Building, corner Baltimore and Liberty streets. President, George A. Eyler, 47 Maryland avenue; financial secretary, R. Snyder, Harrison street.

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*No. 308, Beaumont, Tex.—Meets every Sunday night at Carpenters' Hall, 638 Pearl street. President D. T. Roder, 812 Magnolia avenue; recording secretary, C. C. Hall, 474 Orleans street; financial secretary, G. M. Mast, P. O. Box, 636.

†No. 309, East St. Louis, Ill.—President, E. O. Lynds, 718 Josephine street; recording secretary, C. Arnold, 22 N. Main street; financial secretary, E. P. Chamberlain, Belleville, Ill.

*No. 310, Stamford, Conn.—Meets first and third Wednesday at Minor Post Hall.—President, Goodrich E. Risley, 221 Atlantic street; recording secretary, William A. Curran, 17 Dale street; financial secretary, Norman R. Wilcox, 109 Stillwater avenue.

*No. 311, Beloit, Wis.—Meets first and third Wednesday at Trades Council Hall, Bridge and Third streets. President, Alt. D. Evans; recording secretary, H. E. Churchill, 110 East D street; financial secretary, A. J. Gilbertson, 1039 Prairie avenue.

*No. 312, Kalamazoo, Mich.—Meets second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Trades and Labor Hall, No. 2 East Main street. President, F. A. Fellows, South Burdick street; recording secretary, H. A. Austin, 727 Cooley street; financial secretary, B. A. Whipple, 316 East Lowell street.

*No. 313, Wilmington, Del.—Meets at 101 East Ninth street, 2d floor. President, L. Scott Shilling, 806 West Sixth street; recording secretary, George N. Senior, 418 Madison street; financial secretary, John Campbell, 626 West Ninth street.

*No. 314, Tyler, Texas.—Meets second and fourth Fridays at Trades Assembly Hall, South-side Square. President, H. C. King; recording and financial secretary, E. L. Ivey.

†No. 315, Chicago, Ill.—President, W. A. Lake, 119 De Kalb street; recording secretary, C. B. Hopkins, 819 North Artesian avenue; financial secretary, J. Purvis, 3423 Wabash avenue.

No. 316, Ogden, Utah.—President, George M. Stoddard, 3472 Washington avenue; recording secretary, George W. Snively, 2835 Nye avenue; financial secretary, H. B. Hill, 239 Twenty-second street.

*No. 317, Ashland, Ky.—Meets Monday nights at A. O. U. W. Hall, Fifteenth street, between Front and Greenup. President, S. C. Coalgrove, Ashland, Ky.; recording secretary, Frank C. Fisher, Ashland, Ky.; financial secretary, J. E. Serey, Catlettsburg, Ky.

*No. 318, Knoxville, Tenn.—Meets Tuesday night at Central Labor Hall, 718 Gay street. President, Jesse Warters, 712 Campbell street; recording secretary, W. O. Wilson, P. O. Box 105; financial secretary, G. E. May, 424 State street.

†No. 319, Pittsburgh, Pa.—Meets second and fourth Monday of each month at K. of L. Hall, 634 Smithfield street. President, W. H. Verner, 134 Randolph street; recording secretary, George E. Wheeler, 189 Washington avenue South; financial secretary, J. A. Boland, 207 Sycamore street.

*No. 320, Paris, Ky.—Financial secretary, A. M. Morrow, care Paris Light and Power Co.

*No. 321, La Salle, Ill.—Meets first and second Saturdays at Reed & O'Neil's Hall, 845 First street. President, H. L. Schaid, Peru, Ill.; recording secretary, Charles G. Stewart, La Salle, Ill.; financial secretary, Joseph B. Skovare, 328 Second street, La Salle, Ill.

*No. 322, Nicholasville, Ky.—Meets every Tuesday at Electrical Workers' Hall, Main street. President, E. H. Anderson, General Delivery; recording secretary, Harry D. Parsons, General Delivery; financial secretary, Chas. Dickerson, General Delivery.

*No. 323, Fairmont, W. Va.—Meets Saturday nights at Musgrave Hall, Monroe street. President, B. H. Sheen, care C. D. and P. Tel. Co.; recording secretary, William S. Devlin, 113 Jackson street; financial secretary, D. T. Evans, 222 Main street.

*No. 324, Brazil, Ind.—Meets every Tuesday night at Painters' Hall, East Main street. President, W. L. Wright, 408 Levitt street; recording secretary, Birt Stauts, Alabama street; financial secretary, L. M. Moore, 1030 West Main st.

*No. 325, Binghamton, N. Y.—Meets every Friday night at Wagner's Hall, Washington street. President, E. J. Allen, 8 Cellier street;

recording secretary, J. Buckman, 21 Mary street; financial secretary, Arthur Gibson, 5 Isbell street.

*No. 326, Connellsville, Pa.—Meets first and third Fridays at Old Bourrough Building, corner Main and Pittsburg streets. President, Alex. Augus, Connellsville; recording secretary, Frank Buttermore, New Haven, Pa.; financial secretary, George S. McClay, Connellsville.

*No. 327, West Palm Beach, Fla.—Meets first and thirds Monday at Masonic Hall, Clematis avenue. President, E. W. J. Parrish; recording and financial secretary, Stephen L. Harman, P. O. Box 451.

*No. 328, Oswego N. Y.—Meets every Saturday at Academy of Music Building, Water street. President, John Feeney, 205 East Fifth street; recording secretary, Bert France, 136 East First street; financial secretay, John F. Joyce, 206 West Fifth street.

*No. 329, Shelbyville, Ind.—Meets every Friday night at Union Hall, Public Square. President, W. J. Smith, 143 East Walker street; recording and financial secretary, Alfred C. Lee, Second street.

No. 330, Meridian, Miss.—Meets first and third Thursday at Federation of Labor Hall, Fourth street, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fifth avenues. President, J. H. McArthur, Seventeenth and Thirty-fifth sts.; recording secretary, G. A. Westbrook, Nineteenth street and Thirty-fourth avenue; financial secretary, E. R. Dyer, Nineteenth avenue, between Eleventh and Twelfth street.

*No. 331, Long Branch, N. J.—Meets every Monday night at Phil Daly's Hose Company's Hall, Broadway and Fifth avenue. President, James Pittenger, 146 Lake avenue, Ocean Grove; recording secretary, Wm. A. Bowers, 1307 Summerfield street, Asbury Park; financial secretary, John Haupion, Long Branch.

*No. 332, Sault Ste Marie, Mich.—Meets second and fourth Thursday night, corner Ashmun and Ridge streets. President, Dave Howey, 235 Ridge street; recording secretary, R. McClamchey, 508 Spruce street; financial secretary, R. T. Becker, 310 Ridge street.

*No. 333, Emporia, Kans.—Meets every Friday night at Bricklayer's Hall, Boonville street. President, W. G. Cochrone, Home 'Phone Co.; recording secretary, Will G. Cole, Home 'Phone Co.; financial secretary, A. Cochrone, Home Phone Co.

*No. 334, Whatcom, Wash.—Financial secretary, G. L. Crews, 1431 Humboldt street.

*No. 335, Springfield, Mo.—Meets every Friday evening at Bricklayers Hall, Boonville street. President, Jno. Stowe, 448 Harrison avenue; recording secretary, E. D. Craft, 423 West Olive street; financial secretary, R. M. Sutton, 636 South street.

†No. 336, Oskaloosa, Iowa.—First and third Tuesdays. President, W. F. Fortune; recording secretary, J. M. Young; financial secretary, G. W. Gordon, 504 South Fourth street.

*No. 337, Chicago, Ill.—Meets second and fourth Monday night at Dewey Hall, 70 Adams street. President, H. W. Buckett, 6212 Prairie avenue; recording secretary, P. H. Hammang, 3915 Prairie avenue; financial secretary, J. J. McCabe, 422 West Twentieth street.

*No. 338, Denison, Tex.—Meets every Wednesday night at Musician's Hall, 228½ W. Main street. President, C. D. Sloan, 211½ W. Main street, Denison, Tex.; recording and financial secretary, J. R. Pratt, 531 West Woodward street, Denison, Tex.

*No. 339, Sterling, Ill.—Meets first and third Fridays of each month at Trade and Labor Hall, over 310 and 312 Locust street. President, George W. Thomas, Sterling, Ill.; recording secretary, E. Jay Best, Rock Falls; financial secretary, R. L. Fairbrother, 413 avenue F.

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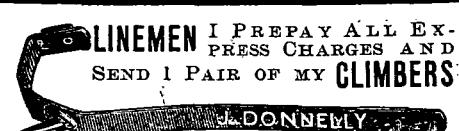
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